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IN RE: PETITION FOR SPECIAL HEARING * BEFORE THE E/S Pot Spring Road, 425 ft. NE of Colonade Road 8th Election District 3rd Councilmanic District

10633 Pot Spring Road * BALTIMORE COUNTY Mohammad H. Zamani, et ux Petitioners

* Case No. 93-323-SPH

* BOARD OF APPEALS

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MEMORANDUM OF LAW

Dr. Mohammad H. Zamani and Dr. Shala Zamani (Moshiri), his wife, by their attorney, Henry W. Stewart, does file this Memorandum of Law in support of the Petitioners' request for a variance of the present restriction requiring a twenty foot setback from the property line of Mr. and Mrs. James T. Brady and the permission to install lights on the tennis court, subject to those restrictions which may be set forth by the Board of Appeals on the use of same.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

A brief review of the history of this case would indicate that the disagreement between the parties in this matter dates back to pre 1989, when the Petitioners did file a Petition for variance requesting relief under the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations, namely Section 400.1 to permit accessory structures which would include a swimming pool and tennis court on their property. Following a Hearing on the issues involved, the Deputy Zoning Commissioner did on September 14, 1989, grant the Petition for the installation of the tennis court and pool, subject to certain restrictions, one of which was that the southeast corner of the fence to

surround the tennis court would be a minimum of twenty feet from the property line, which would adjoin the protestants' property. Additionally, the Deputy Zoning Commissioner did order that no lighting other than decorative lighting be permitted on the tennis court, and that the hours of play on same be restricted as set forth in that Order.

Following the installation of the tennis court, and the difficulties experienced by the Petitioners because of the very steep terrain in the rear of their property, and the structuring and terracing of that area necessary to install safely the tennis court in question, because of the failure of the soil to compact satisfactorily, the fencing around the area resulted in but a 7.3 foot setback from the adjoining Brady property.

It was from this deviation from the previously set variance that the protestants did complain to the Zoning Office, and to which the Petitioners did request a Hearing before the Zoning Commissioner on a variance to conform with the existing fence as now installed, and to allow lighting on the tennis court area only, although to be restricted as to the time for use of same. On June 18, 1993 the Zoning Commissioner, Lawrence E. Schmidt, Esquire did render his Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law which did grant a reduction of the setback distance from the fence surrounding the court, to the property line, to be amended from the previous twenty feet, to 7 foot 3 inches as now determined to be in existence, and did prohibit the installation of lights on said tennis court,

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although increase the hours of tennis play from 10:00 a.m. to dusk on the weekends, and from 8:00 a.m. to dusk on the weekdays. The protestants, Mr. and Mrs. James L. Brady, have taken an Appeal to this Order of the Zoning Commissioner, for which argument was heard De Novo on said issues on February 24, 1994.

Testimony was presented on behalf of the Petitioners that Dr. Zamani and his wife, Dr. Moshiri, are physicians whose hours of enjoyment of the tennis court are restricted because of their being on call and certainly unavailable for use of same during the day. Dr. Zamani, in his testimony before the Board of Appeals did state that, "his priorities in his position as a physician are greatly limited in that the primary responsibility is to his patients, secondly his family, and lastly to himself". From his testimony it was clear that the hours of enjoyment of the tennis court area are such that when he does have the opportunity to enjoy same, it is usually too dark in the winter, or too late in the summer where the natural lighting on the court would be available for use by him. The Petitioner was quite sensitive to the concern of the adjacent neighbors stating, that it would be understood that if lighting was to be available to him for the use of the tennis court, it would certainly not be utilized in the late evening hours, but only during such time as the Board of Appeals would consider practical under the

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circumstances. The contractor from American Tennis Courts did LAW OFFICES OF

state that he was capable of providing pinpoint lighting so as to place a path of darkness on any spot not in use as for the tennis court area, and to such a degree that one could "lose his keys in this area". Mr. Elfenbein specified that he has had many years of experience in the installation of many such courts, and that no direct light would shine onto the protestants' property, although they would be concerned for same. Dr. Zamani, in support of that which was presented by Mr. Elfenbein, did state that the shrubbery is now adjacent to the court area and between his property and that of the Brady property, and was such that it would provide additional coverage of the light, which the Brady's fear would pass onto their property. Interestingly enough Mr. Brady's primary concern is his fear of what he perceives as being pounding tennis balls and light shining onto his property, all of which can be restrictive to such an extent through the use of the court area itself and technology in lighting to alleviate any such fear or apprehension. Mr. Elfenbein and Mr. Matricciani both indicated that the structure of the tennis court area and the support on the topography of the backyard of the Zamani residence, was such that the particular terracing and structure that was required, did result in the court area being inadvertently moved closer to the property line of the Bradys, than was anticipated under the variance Order as passed by the Deputy Zoning Commissioner. Although the protestants attempted to show that Dr. Zamani and his wife

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intentionally violated the Deputy Zoning Order, and was attempting to take advantage of same in this matter, their testimony and documents submitted in this regard falls far short of proving that Dr. Zamani and his wife, in any way, attempted to relocate or deviate from the original variance as passed by the Zoning Office in this regard. A survey of the area in question would indicate to any reasonable person that the terracing and structuring of the tennis court, as well as the pool, which is not at issue here, took quite an engineering feat in itself to accomplish, and through their own documents as presented by the protestants, added a considerable expense to the Petitioners. Zoning Commissioner Lawrence Schmidt, in his own personal survey of the property indicates that there is no evidence that the existing layout is detrimental to the Brady property. He does further state that there is a substantial line of evergreens and other deciduous trees and shrubs along the length of the Brady/ Zamani property line, which would shield the Brady property from the existing court. Dr. Zamani in his testimony did state that the shrubs have become much taller and much more bushier to give further shielding and/or protection from the concerns of the Bradys in this matter. It is well settled in questions of "area variance" that same may be granted where strict applications of the zoning regulations would cause practical difficulty to the Petitioners and their use of the property, McLean v. Soley, 270 Md. 208, 1973. The Court did

further recognize in Anderson v. Board of Appeals, Town of Chesapeake Beach, 22 Md. App. 28, that in proving practical difficulty for an area of variance, the Petitioners must meet the following criteria:

- 1. Whether the strict compliance with requirement would unreasonably prevent the use of the property for a permitted purpose or render conformance unnecessarily burdensome;
- 2. Whether the grant would do substantial injustice to the applicant as well as to other property owners in the district, or whether a lesser relaxation than that applied for would give substantial relief; and
- Whether the relief can be granted in such fashion that the spirit of the ordinance would be observed and public safety and welfare secured.

In support of the Petitioners' argument with respect to the relief which he would request in this matter, both the Deputy Zoning Commissioner in her initial granting of the variance, and secondly, the Zoning Commissioner in his Order of June 18, 1993, where the variance was inadvertently shortened, did state"there was no finding of evidence that this existing layout is detrimental to the Brady property, and that shortening the court to comply with the Deputy Zoning Commissioner's setback, would serve no real purpose as the use of the court and the activity thereon would continue in an identical manner." In an attempt to strengthen their argument with respect to the adverse use of the tennis court

requesting that the southeast corner of this court be torn down and refenced to meet the variance requirements, little if any gain, would be made by either party, recognizing the cost to the Petitioners and the little footage to be gained by the protestants to offset any possible noise and/or interference to their property. The proper compromise with respect to the variance issue by the parties, would be that with respect to the southeast corner and the concerns of the Bradys as to their interference of noise, etc., that the area in question be restricted in its use during reasonable hours so that there would not be any reason for further concern. Counsel for the Petitioners did attempt to prove at the time of the Hearing, that the tennis court, although moved farther towards the Brady property as a result of the soil compaction, etc., was still far enough away from the property that if the tennis court itself was excluded, there would possibly be at least 47 feet from the end line to the location where the fence was to be located. Basketball in the use of the court, was never a main idea for the Zamani family, but an afterthought recommended by the tennis court

installer for the maximum use of the court area, and the end

the Petitioners did make argument that there was a basketball

court adjacent to the tennis court, which never heard to be

in use by them, would unnecessarily interfere with their use

and enjoyment of their property. If the protestants are

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CONCLUSION

In conclusion, therefore, the request for a variance from that of twenty feet to 7.3 feet should be granted by the Board of Appeals, as strict compliance of the previous requirement would unreasonably prevent the use of the property for a permitted purpose and render the conformance unnecessarily burdensome. Recognizing that the relocation of the structure was not an intentional act of the Petitioners, but full responsibility rested with the contractors, it would cause a substantial injustice to the Petitioners and a lesser relaxation than that as previously granted would give substantial relief, and not cause any detriment to the Brady family. Lastly, relief can be granted in such a fashion that the spirit of the ordinance will be observed and the public safety and welfare secured. On the issue of lighting, and the technology involved, it is clear that most of the concern of the protestants is apprehension of that which will occur, not which they have actually observed in this matter. From the location of the tennis court to the proximity of the front bedroom window of the Brady family, testimony was quite evident that technology is such that they will not unnecessarily be interfered with the use and enjoyment of their home, nor in any way have any such lighting shine on their property. The trees and shrubbery as now planted adjacent to the properties has now grown to such density that it obscures the fenced area from much of the apprehensive light and sound as feared by the protestants. Dr. Zamani has additionally, in his testimony,

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piven assurances that if said lighting would be granted, that he would be subject to those restrictions which would be imposed by the Board of Appeals in the use of this lighted area. There is no evidence as presented by the protestants that the value of their property would, in fact, be unnecessarily interfered with and/or decreased in value through the restrictive use of the tennis court and the granted variance as allowed by the Zoning Commissioner.

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CERTIFICATION OF MAILING

of March, 1994, a copy of the aforegoing Memorandum of Law, was mailed, postage prepaid, to Michael Scher, Esquire and Kim Hale Carney, Esquire, Tydings & Rosenberg, 100 E. Pratt Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21202, attorneys for the protestants.

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granted the Zamani's request for a reduction of the setback distance. See Joint Exhibit No. 1. Commissioner Schmidt ordered that tennis and basketball playing be permitted from 10 a.m. to dusk on Saturdays and Sundays, and 8 a.m. to dusk on Monday through Friday.

The Brady's appealed that portion of Commissioner Schmidt's decision that ordered a reduction of the setback distance because the existing layout—a tennis and basketball court within 7 feet of the Brady's front yard—is substantially unjust to the Brady's and interferes with their use and enjoyment of the property.

Moreover, the restrictions imposed in the 1989 variance are fair to the Zamani's and permit the Zamani's a reasonable use of their property. The Zamani's conformance with the 20-foot setback requirement would not be unnecessarily burdensome.

At the <u>de novo</u> hearing before the County Board of Appeals on February 24, 1994, the Zamani's again raised the issue of having lights installed for nighttime playing. The Brady's also oppose the installation of lights, and believe that the glow of such lights, and the noise created by the extended hours of play permitted by such lights, would be substantially unjust to the Brady's and interfere with the health and welfare of the Brady's. Moreover, in the parties' settlement agreement reached in 1989, the Brady's did not contest the Zamani's request for a variance because the Zamani's agreed not to install lights for nighttime playing.

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Petitioners/Appellees *

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APPELLANTS JAMES AND FRANCINE BRADY'S CLOSING MEMORANDUM

Appellants/protestants James and Francine Brady ("the Brady's" or "Protestants") submit this closing memorandum in place of closing argument at the February 24, 1994, appeal of the

above-referenced matter.

I. Introduction

Drs. Zamani and Moshiri ("Petitioners" or "the Zamani's")
live at 10633 Pot Spring Road and the Brady's live at 10631 Pot
Spring Road. They are next door neighbors. Their properties are
each several acres but due to the geological constraints of the
properties, their houses face each other and both the Brady's and
Zamani's side yards face Pot Spring Road.

In 1989, the Zamani's obtained an area zoning variance from Deputy Zoning Commissioner Anna Nastarowicz of Baltimore County to construct a swimming pool and tennis court in their front and side yard instead of the required rear yard. Commissioner Nastarowicz granted the variance subject to the following restrictions: (1) the tennis court and southeast corner of the

The undisputed evidence presented at the February 24, 1994, hearing, establishes that the Zamani's have built a basketball and tennis court 7 feet from the Brady's front property line.

The Zamani's did not establish that either compliance with the 20-foot setback requirement or the absence of lights for nighttime playing creates an unreasonable hardship or practical difficulty. In fact, it was shown that creating a 20-foot setback would not impact upon the Zamani's tennis court at all, but only would affect the basketball court.

The evidence offered by the Brady's, however, establishes that the existing encroachment of the basketball court is unjust to the Brady's, who entered into an agreement with the Zamani's providing for a 20-foot setback, and interferes with the Brady's use and enjoyment of their property. The Brady's also showed that the installation of lights for nighttime playing would further interfere with the Brady's use and enjoyment of their property, and harm the Brady's health and welfare.

II. Argument

A. The Zamani's Compliance with the Original Variance's 20-Foot Setback Requirement Does Not Impose an Undue Hardship or Practical Difficulty Upon the Zamani's.

Section 307 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations authorizes the Zoning Commissioner and, on appeal, the County Board of Appeals, to grant variances from area and height regulations where strict compliance with the Regulations would result in "practical difficulty or unreasonable hardship."

Loyola Fed. Sav. & Loan v. Buschman, 227 Md. 243, 246-47 (1961).

fence surrounding the tennis court be a minimum of twenty (20) feet from the Brady's front property line; (2) that no lighting, other than decorative, be installed to allow tennis play after dark; (3) that tennis playing be limited from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Monday through Friday and from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday; and (4) that a buffer of shrubbery on the Zamani's property be provided. Protestants' Exhibit No. 8. Deputy Commissioner Nastarowicz's decision (*1989 variance* or "Commissioner Nastarowicz's decision") was based in part on, and incorporated, an agreement between the Brady's and the Zamani's whereby the Brady's gave up their absolute right to contest the Zamani's request for a variance in exchange for the Zamani's agreement to provide a 20-foot setback, to limit their hours of play, and to not install lights for nighttime playing. See id. at 2. In fact, at the hearing before Commissioner Nastarowicz, the Brady's informed the court that they would not oppose the variance as long as the tennis court was set back 20 feet, no lights were installed, and adequate landscaping be provided as a

After the 1989 variance, the Zamani's applied for, and obtained, a fence permit to build a fence around a tennis court with a 20-foot setback. See Protestants' Exhibit Nos. 11, 12, 14. The Zamani's made no mention of a basketball court in their

request for a variance, at the hearing on that request, or in any of the permits filed with the Baltimore County Building Engineer's office.

Despite Deputy Commissioner Nastarowicz' opinion requiring a 20-foot setback distance, the Zamani's built a tennis court and surrounding fence that, according to a survey conducted by Gene Raphel, was approximately 15 feet longer than described in the fence permit, and within 7 feet of the Brady's front property line. Protestants' Exhibit No. 10. The Zamani's do not dispute the accuracy of Gene Raphel's survey. In this approximately 15' x 53' feet additional area that was paved on the southern end of the tennis court, the end closest to the Brady's front yard, the Zamani's had a basketball court painted and a pole, backboard, and net installed.

When the zoning office filed a citation against the Zamani's for violating Order 90-343, the Zamani's requested a variance from their variance to have the setback requirement eliminated and to have lights for nighttime playing installed. At the hearing before Lawrence Schmidt, Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County, the Zamani's claimed that the tennis and basketball court were accidentally built within the 20-foot setback requirement, and that although elimination of the basketball court to comply with the 1989 variance was feasible, it would be unnecessarily expensive. See Joint Exhibit No. 1.

Commissioner Schmidt denied the Zamani's permission to install lights on the tennis court for nighttime playing, but

To prove practical difficulty, an applicant for a variance must meet the following requirements:

- (1) whether strict compliance with the requirements would unreasonably prevent the use of the property for a permitted purpose or render conformance unnecessarily burdensome:
- (2) whether the granting of the variance would do substantial justice to the applicant as well as to other property owners in the district, or whether a lesser relaxation than that applied for would give substantial relief to the owner of the property involved and be more consistent with justice to other property owners; and
- (3) whether relief can be granted in such fashion that the spirit of the ordinance will be observed and public safety and welfare secured.

McLean v. Soley, 270 Md. 208, 214-15 (1973).

The Zamani's did not establish that compliance with the 20foot setback requirement would result in practical difficulty or
unreasonable hardship. The Zamani's compliance with the 20-foot
setback would not deny the Zamani's a reasonable use of their
property and would not be unnecessarily burdensome. Moreover,
the existing layout—a 7-foot setback of a tennis and basketball
court—is unjust to the Brady's and causes substantial injury to
the Brady's health and welfare.

1. The Zamani's Intentional Violation of the 20-Foot Setback Requirement is a Self-Created Circumstance, and Therefore, is Insufficient to Justify the Granting of a Variance.

At the hearing before the County Board of Appeals,

Dr. Zamani, one of the petitioners, testified that the tennis and basketball court were accidentally built within 7 feet of the Brady's front property line. Dr. Zamani also testified that

basketball playing was not important to him, and that the addition of a basketball court was not his idea, but rather the idea of one of his subcontractors, American Tennis Courts. Bruce Elfenbein, a representative of American Tennis Courts, and William Matricciani, a representative of Fence Fair, Inc., the subcontractor that installed the Zamani's fence surrounding the tennis and basketball courts, testified that they were unaware of the 20-foot setback requirement in the 1989 order and fence permit.

The documentary evidence introduced by appellants clearly establishes, however, that the existing location of the tennis and basketball court within the 20-foot setback was no accident, but in fact was specifically requested and overseen by Dr. Zamani. Beginning in 1991, Dr. Zamani, by himself and also through his agent, specifically negotiated and contracted with Atlantic Builders Group, the general contractor, to have a basketball court measuring 15 x 53 feet paved and added to the tennis court within the 20' setback requirement. See Protestants' Exhibit Nos. 1 through 5. For example, in a facsimile from Amir Asghari, Zamani's agent, to Dave Tague at Atlantic Builders Group, Asghari asked the contractor to "please have the American Tennis Court to extend the paving at Dr. Zamani's tennis court towards South to the property line. Obviously, this would be an extra to the contract." Protestants' Exhibit No. 1. Further, a letter and drawing prepared by Zamani's agent, with copies to Dr. Zamani, show that while the

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The application for the permit and the fence permit state that there is to be a rear setback of 20 feet. The plat attached to the application, protestants' exhibit no. 12, shows that the 20-foot setback is a front setback.

1989 order was in effect, the Zamani's considered extending the basketball court all the way to the Brady's property line, in complete disregard of the Deputy Commissioner's order. See Protestants' Exhibit No. 3 at ¶ 7 and the attached sketch. Even if Dr. Zamani's testimony were believable, however, the "accidental" violation of a zoning order is insufficient to justify the granting of a variance.

A variance will not be granted on the basis of practical difficulty if the "difficulty" was the result of the applicant's own actions. Salisbury Bd. of Zoning Appeals v. Bounds, 240 Md. 547, 554 (1965); Pem Constr. Co. v. Mayor of Baltimore, 233 Md. 372, 376-77 (1963); Wilson v. Town of Elkton, 35 Md. App. 417, 427-28 (1976). Salisbury Bd. of Zoning Appeals v. Bounds, 240 Md. 547 (1965), both factually and legally, supports the Protestants' position that the Zamani's should not be granted a variance from the 1989 variance. In Salisbury, the appellees did not comply with formal requirements of the Salisbury Zoning Code, and as a result, mistakenly began building four apartments within a three-bedroom house without the necessary permit. After almost ninety percent of the work had been completed, the appellees discovered they did not have the permit. When the acting building inspector refused to issue a

Appeals to seek a variance to allow the fourth apartment. The Board refused to grant the variance on the grounds that the applicants were responsible for obtaining a valid permit and had demonstrated no hardship, other than financial. Id. at 550.

The Court of Appeals affirmed the Board's denial of the variance. In so doing, the court stated several reasons pertinent to the instant matter. Specifically,

[t]he only evidence before the Board as to hardship or injustice involving the property was the fact that repairs and alteration work had been substantially completed before an application for either a variance or a building permit had been made and that what had been done could not be undone without financial hardship to appellees. The appellants contend that a self-inflicted hardship such as was evident in this case cannot be the basis for a variance. We agree.

Id. at 554 (emphasis added).

The court noted that construction of the fourth apartment and the resultant hardship could have been avoided if the appellees had used proper diligence in ascertaining the applicable requirements for a four-apartment dwelling. Id. at 555. "The hardship here relied on [by the appellees is] entirely self-created and the Board properly refused to allow it to be used as a fulcrum to lift, by way of a variance, the valid limitations imposed by the [zoning regulations]." Id. Moreover, the Court explained, financial hardship is legally insufficient to justify a variance. Id. at 551, 555.

In this case, too, the encroachment of the tennis and basketball courts could have been avoided. Even if one believes Dr. Zamani's testimony that the encroachment was an accident, Salisbury establishes that the Zamani's failure to use proper diligence in ensuring compliance with the 20-foot setback requirement is no excuse. The Zamani's should not benefit by their alleged ignorance, or their subcontractors' supposed ignorance, of the setback requirement.

Wilson v. Town of Elkton, 35 Md. App. 417 (1977), also is on point. In that case, Mrs. Rooney lived at a three-story house at 143 Main Street from 1960 until 1974. The home potentially consisted of three separate apartments, one on each floor, although for many years she had occupied the first two floors as her residence, and treated the third floor as a separate dwelling. The property in question violated a zoning ordinance passed in 1963, but was permitted to continue to exist subject to the ordinance's non-conforming use provisions. In 1974 she sold the home to Dr. Pasqualini, who sought a variance to add an outside stairway to the second and third floors. The purchaser of the property wanted to use all three units as apartments, and learned that the applicable fire code required a stairway from the second and third floors. The Board of Appeals granted the variance, concluding that the property could lawfully be used for

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three apartments, and therefore, a variance permitting the required stairway was proper.

The neighboring property owners, the Wilson's, appealed to the Circuit Court, which affirmed the Board's decision, and a subsequent appeal to the Court of Special Appeals was taken. The Court of Special Appeals held that because Mrs. Rooney had occupied two of the floors as her residence, she had abandoned the non-conforming use of a third unit. Because the property could not lawfully be used to house three apartments, the variance was improper. Specifically, the court explained that the requirement of the State Fire Prevention Code precipitated the request for, and the justification of the variance. "It approaches the ridiculous to say that the unlawful extension of the non-conforming use from two units to three units entitles the owner to the blessing of legitimacy for the violation of yet another law." Id. at 427.

The Court further explained:

Where property, due to unique circumstances applicable to it, cannot reasonably be adopted to use in conformity with the restrictions of the zoning ordinance, hardship arises which is capable of being relieved through the grant of a variance. The restrictions of the ordinance, taken in conjunction with the unique circumstances affecting the property must be the proximate cause of the hardship. If the peculiar circumstances which render the property incapable of being used in accordance with the restrictions contained in the ordinance have been themselves caused or created by the property owner or his predecessor in title, the essential basis of a variance, i.e., that the hardship be caused solely through the manner of operation of the ordinance upon the particular property, is lacking. In such case, a variance will not be granted; the hardship, arising as a result of the act of the owner or his predecessor will be regarded as having been self-created, barring relief.

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Id. at 427-28 (citations omitted). Because Mrs. Rooney's abandonment of the third unit made it unlawful for the purchaser to use the building for three units, the court held that the hardship was self-created, and therefore, a variance was

improper.

Similarly, in the instant matter, the Zamani's encroachment of the 20-foot setback was self-created, and Commissioner Schmidt's decision granting a variance from the 20-foot setback was reversible error. It "approaches the ridiculous to say" that the Zamani's intentional and unlawful violation of the original variance "entitles [them] to the blessing of legitimacy" for a second variance. See id. at 427. In sum, the Zamani's self-inflicted practical difficulty and financial inconvenience are legally insufficient to justify the granting of a new variance.

 The Zamani's did not establish that Compliance with the Original Variance's 20-foot Setback Requirement was Burdensome or Difficult.

To establish practical difficulty sufficient to justify the granting of a variance, one of the requirements the applicant must meet is that strict compliance with the zoning regulations would unreasonably prevent the use of the property for a permitted purpose or render conformance unnecessarily burdensome. McLean, 270 Md. at 214. There was no testimony by the Zamani's that complying with the 20-foot setback as required by the 1989 order would unreasonably prevent the use of the property or be unnecessarily burdensome. See Joint Exhibit No. 1 at 3. Indeed, one of Dr. Zamani's witnesses, William Matricciani

with Fence Fair, Inc., testified that the existing 90 degree angle on the southeast corner of the basketball court could be eliminated to provide the 20-foot setback. See also id.

Elimination of the basketball court to provide the 20 feet setback distance would not interfere at all with the Zamanis' use of the tennis court. Only the basketball court would be eliminated. Dr. Zamani himself testified that basketball playing was not important to him, and that one of his subcontractors had the idea for a basketball court. It was the tennis court for which the Zamani's originally sought a variance, and the tennis court would not be impacted by compliance with the 20-foot setback. In short, the Zamani's have failed to establish that compliance with the 1989 variance is difficult or burdensome, and therefore, a variance from the variance should not be permitted.

3. The Existing Layout Causes Substantial Injury to the Brady's Health and Welfare.

A variance will not be granted if it causes

substantial injury to the public health, safety, and general welfare. Loyola, 227 Md. at 247. The existing encroachment of the Zamani's basketball and tennis court significantly interferes with the Brady's use and enjoyment of their property. Jim Brady, one of the appellees, testified that the existing layout of the basketball and tennis court 7 feet from their front yard, and not much further from the Brady's master bedroom, interferes with the Brady's use and enjoyment of their property. Mr. Brady testified that when the Zamani's originally began constructing the pool and

tennis court in the Zamani's front and side yards, the Brady's entered into an agreement whereby the Brady's gave up their absolute right to contest the Zamani's request for a variance in exchange for the Zamani's agreement to provide a 20-foot setback and to not install lights. The Brady's originally wanted more than a 20-foot setback, particularly since the Zamani's property is over 4 acres, but cooperated with the Zamani's who claimed that the topography of their land would not permit a tennis court to be built further than 20 feet from the Brady's front yard. The Zamani's never made mention of a basketball court, and the Brady's would never have agreed to a 20-foot setback if they knew that a basketball court would be installed.

Obviously, basketball playing is even more annoying than tennis playing. The Brady's never had any notice that the Zamani's intended to construct a basketball court, and the Bradys are currently unable to enjoy and use their residence due to the visual, as well as auditory, nuisance.

The Court of Appeals has held that a 13-foot encroachment of a 20-foot setback is significant. In <u>Cities Service Oil Co. v.</u>

<u>Board of County Comm'rs</u>, 226 Md. 204 (1960), Cities Service had obtained a building permit for construction of a filling station.

A stop work order was issued by a county inspector based upon an alleged violation of rear-yard setback requirements. Cities

Service had already begun work on the service station when the stop work order was issued. <u>Id.</u> at 209. Cities Service appealed to the Board of Zoning Appeals of Prince George's County for a

variance, arguing among other things, that it would impose a serious and unnecessary hardship upon Cities Service not to permit it to build at that location and to require it to remove the building already partly constructed. The Board denied the variance, although construction had commenced, stating that "a granting of the relief prayed would be a substantial impairment of the intent, purpose and integrity of the Zoning Ordinance."

Id. at 210.

The Court of Appeals upheld the Board's denial of the variance. Specifically, the court focused on the fact that the denial did not prevent any reasonable use of the property, and although there may have been confusion among the city officials as to the appropriate lot lines, it was "too clear for argument that an encroachment of more than 13 feet on the 20 foot required set-back is no inconsequential or trivial matter in this situation." Id. at 214.

By analogy, as explained above, the Zamani's have not been denied a reasonable use of their property by requiring a 20-foot setback distance. And here, unlike in <u>Cities Service</u>, there was no ambiguity regarding the 20-foot setback requirement. Dr. Zamani testified, as he must, that he knew about the 20-foot setback. In short, the Zamani's purposeful encroachment of more than 13 feet on the 20-foot required setback is no inconsequential or trivial matter.

This evidence regarding the Zamani's intentional violation of the 1989 variance was not known by the Brady's until recently, and therefore, was not presented to Commissioner Schmidt when he heard the Zamani's petition for a variance from the variance.

Although Dr. Zamani testified that the encroachment of the basketball court and tennis court was an accident, the documentary evidence establishes that Dr. Zamani purposefully built the courts within 7 feet of the Brady's property.

4. The Zamani's Intentional Violation of the 20-Foot Setback Requirement in the 1989 Order and the Parties' Agreement is Substantially Unjust to the

In Maryland, a variance will not be granted if it is substantially unjust to neighboring property owners. See McLean, 270 Md. at 214; Anderson v. Board of Appeals, 22 Md. App. 28, 38 (1973). It would be substantially unjust to allow the Zamani's to benefit from their purposeful and intentional violation of the 20-foot setback requirement in the 1989 order and in the agreement between the parties. The Brady's negotiated in good faith with the Zamani's when the Brady's reached an agreement with the Zamani's not to oppose the Zamani's original request for a variance provided the Zamani's created a 20-foot setback and met other restrictions. To allow the Zamani's to avoid the 20-foot setback by their deceit of the Brady's, and the

zoning agencies, would be unfair. In short, the 20-foot setback

requirement of the original variance provides "substantial relief

to the [Zamani's] and [is] more consistent with justice to [the

Brady's]". McLean, 270 Md. at 214.

B. The Original Variance's Prohibition of Lights for Nighttime Playing Does Not Deny the Zamani's a Reasonable Use of Their Property and Does not Impose an Undue Hardship or Practical Difficulty Upon the

The evidence offered by the Zamani's at the February 24, 1994, hearing did not establish that the absence of lights for nighttime playing creates an undue hardship or practical

difficulty. Under Commissioner Schmidt's order, the Zamanis are permitted to play tennis from 8:00 a.m. to dusk on Monday through Friday, and 10:00 a.m. to dusk on Saturday and Sunday. During the summer, the season of optimum tennis play, dusk does not arrive until 8:00 or 8:30 p.m. The 1989 variance limited tennis play from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Either of these time of play restrictions seem reasonable. Dr. Zamani testified that without the installation of lights, he and his wife cannot currently enjoy the tennis court because as doctors they work long and odd hours, and cannot play tennis during the daylight hours. There was no testimony that the Zamani's existing schedule is any different than it was in 1989 when the Zamani's agreed not to install lights for nighttime playing and when Commissioner Nastarowicz imposed the time of play restrictions. In any event, the minimum inconvenience posed by the hours of play restrictions in either the 1989 variance or Commissioner Schmidt's order, is insufficient to justify granting a variance. See Carney v. City of Baltimore, 201 Md. 130 (1952); Green v. Bair, 77 Md. App. 144 (1991).

In Carney, the applicant desired an area variance from the side-yard requirements of Baltimore City's Zoning Ordinance to

Even though Commissioner Nastarowicz's and the agreement between the Brady's and the Zamani's prohibited lights, Dr. Zamani paid for and had installed concrete light pole bases. Thus, it is clear that Dr. Zamani did not ever intend to abide by his agreement with the Brady's or by the requirements of the 1989 variance. See Protestant's Exhibit Nos. 5, 7.

health, it was difficult for Mrs. Carney to walk upstairs, and building a first floor addition would have been convenient. In affirming the Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals of Baltimore City's refusal to permit the addition, the Court of Appeals noted that the "need sufficient to justify an exception must be substantial and urgent and not merely for the convenience of the applicant." Id. at 137.

build a first floor addition. Due to Mrs. Carney's physical

Applying Carney to the instant matter, the Zamanis' convenience is not a legally sufficient practical difficulty to justify installation of lights. The Zamani's convenience by the installation of lights is particularly inappropriate when weighed against the harm the lights would cause to the Brady's. Although Zamani's witness Bruce Elfenbein with American Tennis Courts testified that the lights would not shine upon the Brady's property and that the Zamani's had a sufficient vegetative buffer to reduce any glow into the Brady's property, he did admit that the Brady's might be able to see the glow of the lights since the Brady's were downhill from the Zamani's. Mr. Elfenbein also admitted that the lights would reflect off of the court and the people playing tennis.

Mr. Brady testified that he is concerned that the lights might shine into his home and master bedroom window, which has a high window and which is in the front of the Brady's home, and therefore, faces the Zamani's tennis/basketball court. The Brady's also are concerned about the noise that they would suffer

by the extended hours of tennis and basketball playing permitted by such lights. Finally, Mr. Brady testified that he had agreed in 1989 not to contest the Zamani's request for a variance to build a pool and tennis court in the Zamani's front and side yards instead of the required rear yard because the Zamani's had agreed not to install lights. Obviously, if Mr. Brady knew that the Zamani's did not intend to live up to their agreement, the Brady's would have opposed the original variance in 1989.

In short, installation of lights would harm the health and welfare of the Brady's, and therefore, would be substantially unjust to the Brady's. But the absence of lights does not deny the Petitioners a reasonable use of their tennis court, and does not pose an "undue hardship" or "practical difficulty" that would justify the granting of a variance.

Conclusion

For these reasons, Commissioner Schmidt's order reducing the 20-foot setback to 7 feet 3 inches should be reversed, and the original variance requiring a 20-foot setback should be reinstated. That portion of Commissioner Schmidt's decision denying installation of lights, however, should not be disturbed.

> Kim Hale Carney Tydings & Rosenberg 100 East Pratt Street Baltimore, Maryland 21202 (410) 752-9700

Attorneys for Appellants Mr. and Mrs. James T. Brady

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 30th day of March, 1994, a copy of the foregoing was mailed, first class, postage prepaid

> Henry W. Stewart, Esquire 209 Courtland Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204 Attorney for Petitioners/Appellees

IN RE:

PETITION FOR SPECIAL HEARING . E/S Pot Spring Road, 425 ft. ME of Colonade Road Sth Blection District 3rd Councilmanic District 10633 Pot Spring Road

BEFORE THE BOARD OF APPRALS

BALTIMORE COUNTY

Case No. 93-323-8PH Mohammad H. Samani, et ux PETITIONERS

COMBENT ORDER

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This matter having come before the Board of Appeals on February 24, 1994, on the appeal of James and Francine Brady ("the Brady's" or "the Protestants"), as to the June 18, 1993, findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law reached by the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County, testimony having been taken, argument of counsel having been heard, and a settlement agreement having been reached between the Brady's and Petitioners Mohammad H. Zamani and Shahla Moshiri (hereinafter "the Property Owners") with respect to the issues involved, it is this 22nd day of June

ORDERED that the Petition for Special Hearing of the Property Owners for permission to install lights on the tennis/basketball court is denied, and it is;

FURTHER ORDERED that Petitioners are barred from seeking a variance and/or any other legal proceeding for permission to install lights on the tennis/basketball court so long as James and Francine Brady reside at 10631 Pot Spring Road, and it is;

FURTHER ORDERED that a reduction of the setback distance from the fence surrounding said tennis court to the property

line, shall be amended from the September 14, 1989, Order to reflect an existing setback of 7 feet 3 inches, and as such, said variance with respect to said setback shall be granted, and it

FURTHER ORDERED that the hours and use of the tennis/basketball court shall be amended from the September 14, 1989, Order to permit play on said area from 10:00 a.m. until dusk on weekends, and from 8:00 a.m. until dusk on weekdays, and it is;

FURTHER ORDERED that no improvements, additions, modifications, or structures to the tennis/basketball court shall be sought or allowed without the Property Owners filing a Petition for Special Hearing and a public hearing being held thereon, and it is:

FURTHER ORDERED that the Property Owners shall cooperate with the Protestants in making the area of their adjacent property lines covered with foliage and/or dense shrubbery as to provide an aesthetic and adequate barrier with respect to sight and sound, and in maintaining the area of their adjacent property lines in a neat and clean manner, so as to provide both properties with the best possible effect with respect to the sale of said properties. COUNTY BOARD OF APPEALS OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

Villiam T. Mackett, Chairma

I have read the above and agree to the terms and provisions

former MOHAMMAD H. ZAMANI Petitioner

SHAHLA MOSHIRI

Petitioner

HENRY W. STEWART Attorney for Petitioners

FRANCINE BRADY Protestant

Protestant

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June 22, 1994

Henry W. Stewart, Esquire 209 Courtland Avenue Towson, MD 21204

> RE: Case No. 93-323-SPH MOHAMMAD H. ZAMANI, ET UX

Dear Mr. Stewart:

Enclosed please find a copy of the Consent Order issued this date by the County Board of Appeals of Baltimore County in the subject matter.

> Very truly yours, Chatabs. Ladeliffe you Kathleen C. Weidenhammer Administrative Assistant

encl.

cc: Drs. Mohammad Zamani and Shahla Zamani Kim Hale Carney, Esquire James T. Brady Morris B. Wexler Overlook Homeowners Assn. Bruce Elfenbein American Tennis Courts People's Counsel for Baltimore County Pat Keller Lawrence E. Schmidt W. Carl Richards, Jr. /ZADM Docket Clerk /ZADM Arnold Jablon, Director /ZADM

Also testifying was William Matricciani from Fence Fair, Inc. His company did some of the field work when the court was originally constructed. He testified extensively about the severe grade of the property and the necessary retaining wall and other improvements which were implemented in order to construct a level court. He noted that the existing 90 degree angle on the southeast corner of the court could be eliminated to provide the 20 ft. setback required by Deputy Zoning Commissioner Nastarowicz. However, it is clear that this would not significantly reduce any impact of the court on the Brady property and may well be considered an unnecessary and expensive reconstruction.

Also testifying on behalf of the Petition was Bruce Elfenbein of American Tennis Courts. He discussed extensively the proposed lighting scheme. He noted that six individual lights are proposed. Each light would be on a pole 20 ft. high and the poles would be located on both sides of the court at the baselines and net line. He further testified as to the advanced technology in the lighting system which would be installed. He stated that no direct light would shine into the Bradys' property. In his view, the lighting of the court would not present a problem for the Bradys. Further, he noted that the poles would be painted black so as to blend into the landscape.

As to the Protestants, testimony was received from Francine Brady, the immediate next door neighbor. She indicated that she has resided on her lot for approximately six years. She observed that the front of her house faces the front of the Zamani house. Further, according to a survey completed by her surveyor, the corner of the improved court is but 7 ft. 3 inches from her property line. She also noted that the landscaping which s been undertaken to buffer the court from the Brady house do

PETITION FOR SPECIAL HEARING E/S Pot Spring Road, 425 ft.

NE of Colonade Road 8th Election District 3rd Councilmanic District 10633 Pot Spring Road Mohammad H. Zamani, et ux Petitioners

* ZONING COMMISSIONER

* OF BALTIMORE COUNTY * Case No. 93-323-SPH

* * * * * * * * * FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

This case comes before the Zoning Commissioner as a Petition for Special Hearing for that property located at 10633 Pot Spring Road in the Overlook Subdivision in Cockeysville. The Petition is filed by the owners of the subject property, Mohammad H. Zamani and Shahla Zamani (Moshiri), his wife. The Petition seeks an amendment of the variance granted in a previous zoning case (No. 90-34-A). Specifically, the Petitioner seeks a lifting of a restriction within the previous Order governing the hours of use of the tennis court, permission to install lights on the tennis court and a reduction of the setback distance from the fence surrounding said court to the property line.

Pursuant to the applicable provisions of law, the matter was scheduled for public hearing. Appearing at that hearing on behalf of the Petition were the Petitioners, Mohammad Zamani and Shala Zamani (Moshiri). The Petitioners were represented by Henry W. Stewart, Esquire. Appearing in opposition were the residents of the property immediately next door, namely, James T. Brady and Francine Brady. They were represented by Michael S. Scher, Esquire. Also appearing was Morris B. Wexler, Treasurer of the Overlook Homeowners Association.

fully screen the Zamani property. She is concerned that lighting of the

based upon a compromise agreed to by the parties. This testimony is cor-

roborated within the body of Deputy Zoning Commissioner Nastarowicz's

Order. Hr. Brady indicated that the compromise was founded upon the re-

strictions which were imposed in the previous Order. In his view, these

restrictions should not be lifted. Although admitting under cross examina-

tion that he could not directly contradict the testimony of Mr. Elfenbein,

he believes that the lighting will adversely impact the use of his proper-

ty and shine into his house. He corroborated his wife's testimony that

the Master Bedroom in his house is in the front of the dwelling so as to

by the Protestants. He introduced an exhibit marked as Protestants' Exhib-

it No. 2. According to this exhibit, the existing fence is located 7 ft.

Lastly, testimony was received from Mr. Wexler of the Overlook Homeown-

ers Association. He indicated that his association supports the original

restrictions and believes that the Petition for Special Hearing should be

denied. From the Association's standpoint, the lifting of the restric-

took the opportunity to view the subject site. I walked both the Brady

and the Zamani properties, and also viewed other homes in this subdivi-

sion. The Overlook subdivision is a residential community of expensive

In addition to the testimony, exhibits and documents presented, I

Also testimony was received from Eugene Raphel, a surveyor retained

immediately face the tennis court.

3 inches from the Brady property line.

James Brady also testified. He stated that the original variance was

court would adversely impact her use and enjoyment of the property.

A summary of the prior zoning case and history of this site is appropriate in order to appreciate what is requested in the instant Petition. The Petitioners originally came before the Deputy Zoning Commissioner in September of 1989 on a Petition for Variance. That Petition sought relief from Section 400.1 of the B.C.Z.R. to permit accessory structures (including a pool and tennis court) in the front and side yard of the property, in lieu of the required rear yard. The Petition was granted by Order of Deputy Zoning Commissioner, Ann M. Nastarowicz on September 14, 1989. Although granting the Petition and permitting the tennis court and pool in the side and front yards, as requested, Deputy Zoning Commissioner Nastarowicz imposed a number of restrictions. These included that the tennis court and the south east corner of the fence surrounding same must be a minimum of 20 ft. from the property line adjoining the Brady property at 10631 Pot Spring Road, that no lighting other than decorative be permitted on the tennis court, and that tennis could be played only between the hours of 8:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M., Monday through Friday and 10:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M. on Saturday and Sunday. The Petition for Special Hearing in the instant case seeks a revision of these conditions.

Dr. Mohammad Zamani testified and noted that he resides on the property with his wife and four children. He has resided there for approximately five years. He discussed the history of the court and the prior zoning case, as outlined above. He noted that presently the court is not lighted and stated that this lack of lighting causes a significant hardship upon Specifically, he notes that as a physician he works uneven and late hours and is often unable to schedule tennis matches during the daylight Thus, he has not been able to utilize the court to the extent which he desires.

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Dr. Zamani also described the existing court, which is depicted on a number of photographs that were submitted at the hearing. The existing improvements are also more particularly shown on the site plan which has been submitted and identified as Petitioners' Exhibit No. 1. As noted on that plan, the court is painted on an impervious surface which is located in the side and front yards of the subject lot. The lot is roughly triangular in shape and is steeply sloped. Due to these site constraints, the court is located near the property line between the subject lot and the Brady property.

It is apparent that the court was not constructed in compliance with the restrictions in Deputy Zoning Commissioner Nastarowicz's Order. The court, which is of regulation size, is 78 ft. from base line to base line, or 39 ft. from each baseline to the centerline (net line). Further, the impervious surface of the court extends in a northerly direction approximately 22 ft. from the baseline. Obviously, this allows for an area to be utilized by a player to return shots which land near the baseline. To the south, towards the Brady property, however, the impervious surface extends for a greater distance. Specifically, the court extends a distance of 47 ft. from the baseline. Within this area, labeled a buffer area by the Petitioners, the Petitioners have painted a basketball court and constructed a pole, backboard and rim. Although this 47 ft. wide area may not be part of the tennis court, per se, clearly it is utilized by the tennis players during their matches and is an additional recration area for basketball games.

Also testifying was Dr. Shahla Zamani Moshiri. She echoed her husband's testimony and stated that she is also a physician. As, with her husband, she has limited time to enjoy the court

pools and other accessory structures in this community. However, it does appear that the Zamani/Brady properties are unique in terms of the configuration of those lots and the orientation of the homes. Specifically, the Zamani house faces the Brady house and both properties utilize a common driveway. Although each lot is substantial, these site constraints and the placement and orientation of the involved dwellings create circumstances which are unique to these two lots. Particularly, notwithstanding the large acreage of the lots, the placement of the dwellings and improvements thereon are such that any upgrading on the lot will clearly impact the other property. Further, I have reviewed Deputy Zoning Commissioner Natarowicz's opinion and find same to be both well reasoned and rational. Absent compelling circumstances, I do not believe that her restrictions should be disturbed. As noted both within the language of her opinion and during Mr. Brady's testimony, her decision was crafted in part based upon negotiations and the agreement between the parties. Although the agreement was apparently not reduced to a contract or restrictive covenant, it is clear that both parties negotiated an agreement which they believed at

Based upon these considerations, I am persuaded that that portion of the Petition for Special Hearing requesting approval for the installation of lights on the tennis court be denied. Mr. Elfenbein's testimony, notwithstanding, the installation of lights will have some negative effect on the Brady property. Mr. Elfenbein admitted that the glow from the lights would be visible from the Brady property, although no direct light would shine thereon. In my view, the Zamanis' needs for convenience does not justify this imposition on the Brady property. There is no compelling

the time to be fair and just for both property owners.

homeowners. In my view, this is insufficient to set aside the well reasoned restrictions imposed by Deputy Zoning Commissioner Nastarowicz, which were based upon an agreement reached by the parties.

As to the second prong of relief requested in the special hearing, I am persuaded that the existing setback distance between the fence and property line can remain and that the setback restriction should be modified. I reach this result even though I do not share the Petitioners viewpoint that the distance between the baseline on the south side of the court and the fence is a buffer area. It is part of the tennis/basketball court and will, no doubt, be used for recreational purposes. Clearly, it is not landscaped or occupied by trees or other vegetative buffer. Nonetheless, there is no evidence that the existing layout is detrimental to the Brady property. There is a substantial line of evergreens and other deciduous trees and shrubs along the length of the Brady/Zamani property line. This natural buffer does somewhat shield the Brady property from the existing court. Shortening the court to comply with the Deputy Zoning Commissioner's 20 ft. setback would serve no real purpose. The use of the court and the activities thereon would continue in an identical manner. Thus, I am persuaded that Deputy Zoning Commissioner Nastarowicz's Order should be amended to allow the existing setback of 7 ft. 3 inches. The existing condition will be allowed to remain and the previous Order will be modified in accordance with the comments above. However, no additional improvements, expansion or modifications of the court area will be permit-

Lastly, as to the hours of use, I am persuaded that the morning hours for activity on the property are reasonable and appropriate. There should be use of the court prior to 10:00 A.M. on weekends and 8:00 A.M. on week

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tions will result in an adverse impact on the Brady property.

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days. The Bradys are entitled to the enjoyment and undisturbed use of their property, particularly during these times. However, the existing restriction on the evening hours of use, in my view, has no rational basis. It is far more proper for the Petitioners to use the court until dusk, depending on the particular season. Specifically, if the Petitioners wish to utilize the tennis court in the Spring/Summer evening hours before dusk, yet after 8:00 P.M., they should be permitted to do so. During the Fall/Winter the court can be used as long as there is sufficient natural light. Thus, that portion of Deputy Zoning Commissioner Nastarowicz's opinion limiting the evening hours of use will be amended.

Pursuant to the advertising, posting of the property, and public hearing on this Petition held, and for the reasons given above, the relief requested should be granted in part and denied in part.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED by the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County this 1810 day of June, 1993 that the Petition for Special Hearing for permission to install lights on the tennis/basketball court, be and is hereby DENIED; and,

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a reduction of the setback distance from the fence surrounding said court to the property line be amended from the prior Order to reflect an existing setback of 7 ft. 3 inches, be and is

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the hours of use of the tennis/basketball court shall be amended to permit play from 10:00 A.M. to dusk on weekends and from 8:00 A.M. to dusk on weekdays, be and is hereby GRANTED, subject, however, to the following restrictions which are conditions precedent to the relief granted herein:

> 1. The Petitioners are hereby made aware that proceeding at this time is at their own risk

until such time as the 30 day appellate process from this Order has expired. If, for whatever reason, this Order is reversed, the Petitioners would be required to return, and be responsible for returning, said property to its original

2. No further improvements or modifications to the tennis/basketball court shall be allowed without the property owners filing a Petition for Special Hearing and a public hearing being held

> Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County

Baltimore County Government Zoning Commissioner Office of Planning and Zoning

Suite 113 Courthouse 400 Washington Avenue Towson, MD 21204

(410) 887-4386

June 17, 1993

Henry W. Stewart, Esquire 209 Courtland Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

> RE: Petition for Special Hearing Case No. 93-323-SPH Mohammad H. Zamani, et ux, Petitioners Property: 10633 Pot Spring Road

Dear Mr. Stewart:

Enclosed please find the decision rendered in the above captioned case. The Petition for Special Hearing has been granted in part and denied in part, in accordance with the attached Order.

In the event the decision rendered is unfavorable to any party, please be advised that any party may file an appeal within thirty (30) days of the date of the Order to the County Board of Appeals. If you require additional information concerning filing an appeal, please feel free to contact our Appeals Clerk at 887-3391.

Zoning Commissioner

cc: Drs. Mohammad Zamani and Shahla Zamani (Moshiri

cc: Mr. and Mrs. James T. Brady cc: Morris B. Wexler, Overlook Homeowners Assn.

cc: Michael S. Scher, Esquire, Tydings and Rosenberg cc: Mr. Bruce Elfenbein, American Tennis Courts, 4051 North Point Rd.

March 09, 1993

93-323-5PH

Baltimore County Government Office of Zoning Administration and Development Management Office of Planning & Zoning

RE: Case no. C-93-1255 10633 Pot Spring Road 8th Election District

Request for Variance:

We undersigned owner of property located at 10633 Pot Spring Road file for Zoning Variance to amend the prior Zoning Variance (90-34-A). The following Variances are respectfully requested:

> 1. Lifting restriction for use of tennis court 2. Installing the light in the tennis court 3. Setting back the fence to the property line.

Reasons:

We are professionals, both physicians, who have extended work hours in the office and due to emergencies, so our time is very limited and with the curfew set forth and not having a light, we are not able to use the tennis court most of the year. We moved the tennis court 55 feet away from the North border and the proposed light installation will be 80 feet away from the North border.

We thank you in advance for your kind consideration in regard to the above matters.

> Sincerely, shulla mahri, m D Shahla Moshiri, M.D. Mohammad H. Zamani, M.D.

329 **EXAMPLE 3 – Zoning Description** 93-323-SPH Three copies are required. Copies of deeds cannot be used in place of this description. Use this fill-in format provided whenever possible; otherwise, type or print on 8-1/2" x 11" sheet.

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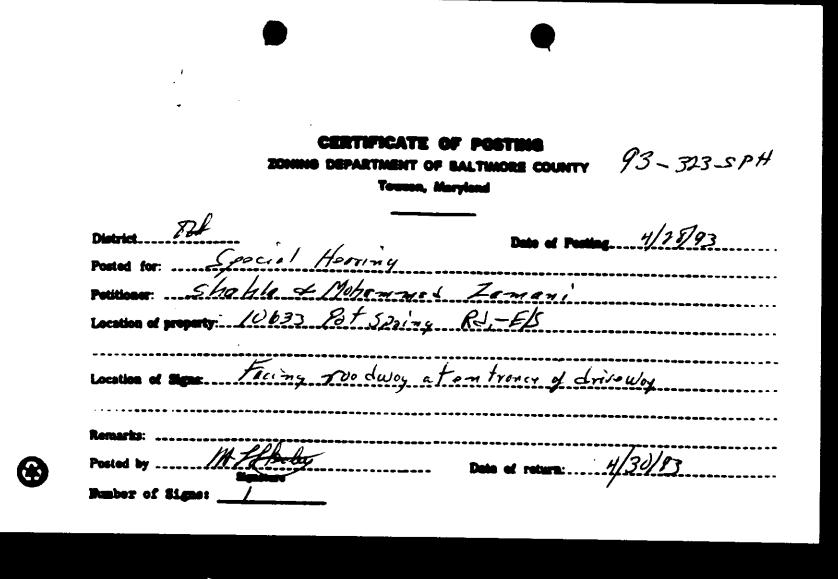
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Election District 8 Councilmanic District 3
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centerline of the nearest improved intersecting street CoLONADE RD (name of street)
which is 50' wide. *Being Lot #, (number of feet of right-of-way width)
Block, Section # in the subdivision of
(name of subdivision) as recorded in Baltimore County Plat
Book #, Folio #, containing
(square feet and acres)

*If your property is not recorded by Plat Book and Folio Number. then DO NOT attempt to use the Lot, Block and Subdivision description as shown, instead state: "As recorded in Deed Liber _____, Folio ____" and include the measurements and directions (metes and bounds only) here and on the plat in the correct location.

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Petition for Special Hearing to the Zoning Commission to the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County

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The undersigned, legal owner(s) of the property situate in Beltimore County and which is described in the description and plat attached

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APRIL 9, 1993

NOTICE OF REASSIGNMENT

Rescheduled from 5/4/93 CASE NUMBER: 93-323-SPH (Item 329) 10633 Pot Spring Road E/S Pot Spring Road, 425' NE of Colonade Road 8th Election District - 3rd Councilmanic Petitioner(s): Shahla Zamani (Moshiri) and Mohammad H. Zamani

Special Hearing to amend the Order in zoning case #90-34-A. HEARING: TUESDAY, MAY 18, 1993 at 2:00 p.m. in Rm. 118, Old Courthouse.

Call John

cc: Shahla and Mohammad Zamani

NOTE: HEARINGS ARE HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE; FOR SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS PLEASE CALL 887-3353.

Baltimore County Government Office of Zoning Administration and Development Management

Towson, MD 21204

111 West Chesapeake Avenue

April 19, 1993

(410) 887-3353

Mohammad H. Zamani 10633 Pot Spring Road Cockeysville, Maryland 21030

PAYMENT OF POSTING AND ADVERTISING FEES CASE NUMBER: 93-323-SPH 10633 Pot Spring Road

Dear Petitioners:

Be advised that a new policy has been established to effectuate the billing and payment for property posting and legal advertising fees. As in the past, this office will ensure that the legal requirements for posting and advertising are satisifed; the policy change will effect to whom and when these fees are paid.

The above-referenced petition was filed as the new policy was being formulated, and now falls under same. Consequently, one or more of the following applies:

- $\{ \times \}$ Posting charges in the amount of $$\underline{35}$$ are now due. Your check in this amount should be made payable to "Baltimore County, Maryland" and immediately mailed to this office.
- { X } Billing for legal advertising, due upon receipt, will come from and should be remitted directly to the newspaper.
- { } If you are represented by an attorney, this bill may be forwarded your attorney, who in turn, will either re-route it to you for payment or make payment to the newsapaper and later add these charges to his/her accounting for services rendered.

Please be further advised that non-payment of fees will stay the issuance of the Zoning Commissioner's Order.

If you have any questions concerning this letter, you may contact Gwen Stephens at 887-3391.

DIRECTOR

Towson, MD 21204

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Baltimore County Government Office of Zoning Administration and Development Management

111 West Chesapeake Avenue

(410) 887-3353

April 23, 1993

Drs. Shahla and Mohammad H. Zamani 10633 Pot Spring Road Cockeysville, MD 21030

> RE: Case No. 93-323-SPH, Item No. 329 Petitioner: Shahla and Mohammad H. Zamani Petition for Special Hearing

Dear Drs. Zamani:

The Zoning Plans Advisory Committee (ZAC) has reviewed the plans submitted with the above referenced petition. The attached comments from each reviewing agency are not intended to indicate the appropriateness of the zoning action requested, but to assure that all parties, i.e., Zoning Commissioner, attorney and/or the petitioner, are made aware of plans or problems with regard to the proposed improvements that may have a bearing on this case.

Enclosed are all comments submitted thus far from the members of ZAC that offer or request information on your petition. If additional comments are received from other members of ZAC, I will forward them to you. Otherwise, any comment that is not informative will be placed in the hearing file. This petition was accepted for filing on March 23, 1993, and a hearing was scheduled accordingly.

The following comments are related only to the filing of future zoning petitions and are aimed at expediting the petition filing process with this office.

1) The Director of Zoning Administration and Development Management has instituted a system whereby seasoned zoning attorneys who feel that they are capable of filing petitions that comply with all aspects of the zoning regulations and petitions filing requirements can file their petitions with this office without the necessity of a preliminary review by Zoning personnel.

Re CASE MURBER: 93-323-SPH (Item 329) 10633 Pot Spring Road E/S Pot Spring Road, 425' ME of Colonada Road 8th Election District - 3rd Councilmenic Petitioner(s): Shahla Zamani (Moshiri) and Mohammad H. Zamani HEARING: TUESDAY, MAY 4, 1993 at 10:00 a.m. in Rm. 118, Old Courthouse.

Please foward billing to:

Shahla Zamani and Mohammad Zamani 10633 Pot Spring Road Cockeysville, Maryland 21030

TO: PUTULENT PUBLISHING COMPANY

PHONE: (410) 666-3555

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NOTICE OF HEARING

The Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County, by authority of the Zoning Act and Regulations of Baltimore County will hold a public hearing on the property identified herein in Room 106 of the County Office Building, 111 W. Chesapeaks Avenue in Touson, Maryland 21204

Room 118, Old Courthouse, 400 Washington Evenue, Towson, Maryland 21204 as follows:

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Special Hearing to amend the Order in zoning case #90-34-A.

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MOTE: HEARINGS ARE HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE; FOR SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS PLEASE CALL 887-3353.

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Zoning Administration and Development Management County Office Building 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

Dear Ms. Winiarski:

Ms. Julie Winiarski

This office has reviewed the referenced item and we have no objection to approval as it does not access a State roadway and is not effected by any State Highway Administration

Please contact Bob Small at 410-333-1350 if you have any questions.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this item.

My telephone number le 410-333-1350

Teletypewriter for impaired Hearing or Speech
383-7555 Baltimore Metro - 585-0451 D.C. Metro - 1-806-492-5062 Statewide Toll Free
707 North Calvert St., Baltimore, Maryland 21203-0717

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO: Arnold Jablon, Director Zoning Administration & Development Management

FROM: Pat Keller, Deputy Director Office of Planning and Zoning

DATE: April 14, 1993

SUBJECT: 10633 Pot Spring Road

INFORMATION:

Item Number:

Petitioner:

Drs. Shahla and Mohammad Zamani Property Size: Zoning:

Requested Action: Hearing Date:

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Based upon the information provided and a review of the restrictions imposed in Case No. 90-34A, staff recommends that the Petitioner's request be denied. At the time the restrictions were attached, they appeared to be appropriate and nothing has changed since that time to indicate otherwise. However, the opinion of the community and the immediate residents, in particular, should be considered prior to final consideration of this matter.

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BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

Inter-Office Correspondence

TO: W. Hackett /M. Sauer /D. Levero DATE: April 4, 1994

FROM: kathi

SUBJECT: Open Deliberation /Thursday, April 21, 1994 Mohammad H. Zamani, et ux Case No. 93-323-SPH

Enclosed for your review prior to open deliberation on Thursday, April 21, 1994 at 9:30 a.m., are copies of the following filed with this office on March 31, 1994, in the subject matter:

- 1) Memorandum of Law filed by Henry W. Stewart, Esquire, on behalf of Dr. Mohammad H. Zamani and Dr. Shala Zamani, Petitioners.
- 2) Appellants James and Francine Brady's Closing Memorandum filed by Peter J. Sommer and Kim Hale Carney, TYDINGS & ROSENBERG.

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

As no further appeals have been taken regarding the subject

case, we are closing the file and returning same to you herewith.

Arnold Jablon, Director

Zoning Administration &

County Board of Appeals

SUBJECT: Closed File: Case No. 93-323-SPH MOHAMMAD H. ZAMANI, ET UX

District 8c3

Attachment

Charlotte E. Radcliffe

Development Management

DATE: August 4, 1994

Should you have any questions regarding the above, please call

Enclosures (2)

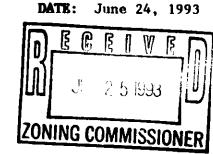
BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

Larry Schmidt TO: Baltimore County Zoning Commissioner

Pat Keller, Deputy Director FROM: Office of Planning & Zoning

SUBJECT: 10633 Pot Spring Rd - 93-323-SPH



I just read the Zoning Commissioner's order regarding the provision of lighting for the tennis courts located at 10633 Pot Spring Road. The order is well reasoned and thought out. The fact that you visited the site also shows interest on your part in fully understanding the issues.

There is, however, one point that disturbs me and appears to surface time and time again in Baltimore County. The Zamani's although well intentioned in their endeavors obviously choose to ignore Anne Nastarowicz's order and constructed their tennis/basketball court 7 feet 3 inches from the Brady's property line rather than maintaining a 20 foot buffer (to which they agreed). Although the 7 feet 3 inches may be adequate, the order none the less required a 20 feet buffer and the Zamani's agreed to maintain this buffer.

It doesn't matter who created the error which resulted in the buffer being reduced from 20 feet to 7 feet 3 inches, the point is that a mistake was made and the County didn't address the issue. If we continue to reward people for breaking the law, then why on earth would they obey the Zoning Commissioner's orders.

Last year when I was visiting Anne Arundel County, the Zoning Commissioner required an accessory building (garage) that had been incorrectly placed to be moved. In addition, the Zoning Commissioner requested the contractors MHIC number in order to notify the Maryland Homeowners Improvement Contractor Licensing agency that a violation had taken place. It is well know (believe me) and discussed among builders and contractors that Baltimore County is lax if not nonexistent in its adherence to rules and regulations regarding these types of violations. I realize that these situations are difficult and that I am a lone voice in the wilderness but it seems that we have to get the word out that these types of abuses won't be tolerated.

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9/22/93 - Following parties notified of hearing set for Wednesday, December 1, 1993 at 10:00 a.m.:

Michael S. Scher, Esquire Mr. & Mrs. James T. Brady Henry W. Stewart, Esquire Drs. Mohammad Zamani and Shahla Zamani Mr. Morris B. Wexler Overlook Homeowners Assn. Mr. Bruce Elfenbein American Tennis Courts People's Counsel for

Baltimore County W. Carl Richards, Jr. /ZADM P. David Fields Docket Clerk /ZADM Lawrence E. Schmidt Arnold Jablon, Director /ZADM Timothy M. Kotroco

10/13/93 -Ltr dtd 10/12/93 from Michael S. Scher, Esquire, Counsel for M/M Brady, Appellants/Protestants --Mr. Brady will be out of town /business trip / on scheduled hearing date; requesting postponement.

10/21/93 -Notice of PP and Reassignment sent to parties.

12/09/93 -T/C from Kim Carney, Esquire (Tydings & Rosenberg); requested duplicate copy of October 21, 1993 Notice; copy sent this date.

1/05/94 - Conference call with M. Scher and H. Stewart, Counsel for the parties in subject appeal; Mr. Stewart, representing Dr. Zamani, Petitioner. requests postponement -- Dr. Zamani scheduled to perform surgery on scheduled date of 1/13/94 /blood drawn and surgery cannot be postponed. M. Scher, Counsel for Appellants/Protestants, is in agreement with request with no objections. Mutually agreeable date of Thursday, February 24, 1994 at1:00 p.m. being held pending receipt of letter requesting said postponement from Mr. Stewart.

1/06/94 -Letter from H. Stewart, Esquire, confirming above conference call and request for postponement, with matter being rescheduled to mutually agreeable date of February 24, 1994 at 1:00 p.m. pursuant to 1/05/94 conversation.

1/07/94 -Second Notice of PP & Reassignment sent to parties; case reassigned to agreed upon date of Thursday, February 24, 1994 at 1:00 p.m.

3/31/94 -Memorandum of Law filed by Henry W. Stewart, Esquire on behalf of Zamani -Appellants James and Francine Brady's Closing Memorandum filed by Peter J. Sommer and Kim Hale Carney, Counsel on behalf of Protestants.

4/05/94 -Letter from Kim Hale Carney, Esq. -Counsel for Protestants, enclosing two photographs to be included with case file. (Upon review of file, verified that these particular photos of Brady home were never entered as exhibits either before the Board or before the ZC.) Returned photos to Ms. Carney w/letter indicating that photos had never been entered. Copy to H. Stewart, Esquire, Counsel for Petitioners.

Baltimore County Government Office of Zoning Administration and Development Management

111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, MD 21204

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July 18, 1993

Henry W. Stewart, Esquire 209 Courtland Avenue Towson, MD 21204

> RE: Petition for Special Hearing E/S Pot Spring Road, 425 Ft. NE of Colonade Road (10633 Pot Spring Road) 8th Election District 3rd Councilmanic District Mohammad H. Zamani, et ux-Petitioner Case No. 93-323-SPH

Dear Mr. Stewart:

Please be advised that an appeal of the above-referenced case was filed in this office on July 16, 1993 by Michael S. Scher. All materials relative to the case have been forwarded to the Board of

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Julie Winiarski at 887-3391.

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Case No. 93-323-SPH

Mohammad H. Zamani, et ux -Petitioners

for approval/signature by Board.

4/19/94 -Telephone call to Kim Hale Carney, Esquire, and Henry W. Stewart, Esquire --

6/13/94 -Consent Order signed by parties hand delivered to CBA office by Dr. Zamani,

Deliberation scheduled for April 21, 1994 to be cancelled; unexpected

returning to work. Will send notice to parties advising of cancellation.

will be sent to all parties as indicated when deliberation is rescheduled.

surgery -MBS on 4/16/94. Deliberation will be reset as soon as the

- Notice of Postponement sent to parties, advising that notification

Petitioner; agreement signed by both Petitioners and Protestants; submitted

Board has a clear indication as to when MBS will be available and

cc: Drs.Mohammad Zamani and Shahla Zamani Michael S. Scher, Esquire, Tydings and Rosenberg Mr. Morris B. Wexler, Overlook Homeowners Assn. Mr. Bruce Elfenbein, American Tennis Courts People's Counsel



APPEAL

Petition for Special Hearing E/S Pot Spring Road, 425 Ft. NE of Colonade Road (10633 Pot Spring Road) 8th Election District - 3rd Councilmanic District Mohammad H. Zamani, et ux-PETITIONER Case No. 93-323-SPH

Petition(s) for Special Hearing

Description of Property

Certificate of Posting

Certificate of Publication

Zoning Plans Advisory Committee Comments

Petitioner(s) and Protestant(s) Sign-In Sheets

Petitioner's Exhibits: 1 - Plat to Accompany Variance

1 (A&B) - Two Photographs

2 - Seven Photographs

3 - Four Photographs

4 - Plan of Zamani Residence 5 - Three Photographs

6 - Copy of Building Permit

Protestant's Exhibits: 1 - Six Photographs

2 - Plat of Overlook

3 - Letter dated June 9, 1993

Zoning Commissioner's Order dated June 18, 1993 (Denied/Granted)

Notice of Appeal received on July 16, 1993 from Michael S. Scher

cc: Henry W. Stewart, Esquire, 109 Courtland Avenue, Towson, MD 21204

Drs. Mohammad Zamani and Shahla Zamani, 10633 Pot Spring Road, Cockeysville, MD 21030

Michael S. Scher, Esquire, Tydings and Rosenberg, 100 E. Pratt Street, Baltimore, MD 21202 Mr. Morris B. Wexler, Overlook Homeowners Assn., 10711 Pot

Spring Road, Cockeysville, MD 21030

Mr. Bruce Elfenbein, American Tennis Courts, 4501 North Point Rd., Baltimore, MD 21222 People's Counsel of Baltimore County

Rm. 304, County Office Bldg., Towson, Md. 21204

Request Notification: P. David Fields, Director of Planning & Zoning Patrick Keller, Office of Planning & Zoning Lawrence E. Schmidt, Zoning Commissioner W. Carl Richards, Jr., Zoning Coordinator

Docket Clerk Arnold Jablon, Director of ZADM

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(410) 887-3180 October 21, 1993

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REASSIGNED FOR: THURSDAY, JANUARY 13, 1994 at 10:00 a.m.

cc: Michael S. Scher, Esquire Counsel for Appellants/Protestants Mr. & Mrs. James T. Brady Henry W. Stewart, Esquire Drs. Mohammad Zamani and Shahla Zamani Mr. Morris B. Wexler

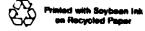
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Petitioners

Arnold Jablon, Director /ZADM

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 1993 at 10:00 a.m. ASSIGNED FOR:

cc: Michael S. Scher, Esquire Counsel for Appellants/Protestants Appellants/Protestants Mr. & Mrs. James T. Brady Counsel for Petitioners Henry W. Stewart, Esquire Drs. Mohammad Zamani and

Shahla Zamani Mr. Morris B. Wexler Overlook Homeowners Assn. Mr. Bruce Elfenbein

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February 24, 1994

Henry W. Stewart, Esquire

Kathleen C. Weidenhammer

Administrative Assistant

209 Courtland Avenue

Towson, MD 21204

Mohammad H. Zamani, et ux

RE: Case No. 93-323-SPH

Enclosed is a copy of the Notice of Deliberation which was

Additionally, regarding closing memorandums due March 31,

sent this date to all parties listed in the Board's file.

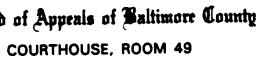
21, 1994 at 9:30 a.m. in the Board's hearing room.

Deliberation in this matter has been scheduled for Thursday, April

1994, it is requested that you submit an original and three copies.

Kathleen C. Weidenhammer Administrative Assistant

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September 22, 1993

Hearing Room Room 48, Old Courthouse 400 Washington Avenue (410) 887-3180 January 7, 1994

SECOND NOTICE OF POSTPONEMENT & REASSIGNMENT
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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1994 at 1:00 p.m. REASSIGNED FOR:

cc: Michael S. Scher, Esquire Counsel for Appellants/Protestants Mr. & Mrs. James T. Brady Henry W. Stewart, Esquire Drs. Mohammad Zamani and Shahla Zamani

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Counsel for Petitioners



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February 24, 1994

NOTICE OF POSTPONEMENT / DELIBERATION

As previously advised, the following matter was scheduled for deliberation by the County Board of Appeals on April 21, 1994. However, due to a medical emergency, resulting in the unavailability of one of the three Board members, the Board must postpone deliberation in this matter. Notice will be sent to all parties when deliberation is rescheduled.

> MOHAMMAD H. ZAMANI, ET UX -PETITIONER CASE NO. 93-323-SPH

POSTPONED; TO BE RESCHEDULED WHEN CIRCUMSTANCES PERMIT. LOCATION Room 48, Basement, Old Courthouse

cc: Kim Hale Carney, Esquire Mr. & Mrs. James T. Brady Henry W. Stewart, Esquire Drs. Mohammad Zamani and Shahla Zamani Mr. Morris B. Wexler

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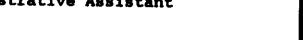
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April 5, 1994

Kim Hale Carney, Esquire TYDINGS & ROSENBERG 100 E. Pratt Street Baltimore, MD 21202

> Re: Case No. 93-323-SPH Mohammad H. Zamani, et ux

Dear Ms. Carney:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated April 1, 1994 enclosing two photographs of your clients' home.

The hearing on this matter was concluded on February 24, 1994. These photographs were not offered into evidence at that time and, therefore, cannot be considered as evidence in this case. We are returning them to you.

Very truly yours,

William T Hacketo William T. Hackett Chairman

Enclosures (2)

cc: Henry W. Stewart, Esquire



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August 4, 1994

Kim Hale Carney, Esquire TYDINGS AND ROSENBERG 100 E. Pratt Street Baltimore, MD 21202

> RE: Case No. 93-323-SPH Mohammad H. Zamani, et ux

Dear Ms. Carney:

As no further appeals have been taken regarding the subject matter, we have closed the file and returned same to the Office of Zoning Administration and Development Management, along with any exhibits entered in this matter. The Zoning Office maintains the permanent file.

Anyone interested in either the file or the exhibits is advised to contact Gwen Stephens in Zoning Administration at 887-3391 immediately upon receipt of this letter. By copy of this letter, all parties of record that may have an interest in this file have been notified.

> Sincerely, Charto E. Raddyf Charlotte E. Radcliffe Legal Secretary

cc: Drs. Mohammad Zamani and Shahla Zamani Mr. & Mrs. James T. Brady Henry W. Stewart, Esquire Bruce Elfenbein American Tennis Courts People's Counsel for Baltimore County Docket Clerk /ZADM Arnold Jablon, Director /ZADM

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cc: Michael S. Scher, Esquire

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Drs. Mohammad Zamani and

DATE AND TIME :

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As indicated at the conclusion of the hearing on February 24, 1994,

Thursday, April 21, 1994 at 9:30 a.m.

Room 48, Basement, Old Courthouse

MOHAMMAD H. ZAMANI, ET UX -PETITIONER

Counsel for Appellants/Protestants

Petitioners

Counsel for Petitioners

Kathleen C. Weidenhammer

Administrative Assistant

Appellants/Protestants

CASE NO. 93-323-SPH

the County Board of Appeals has scheduled the following date and time for

EMPIRE TOWERS BUILDING 7310 RITCHIE HIGHWAY SUITE 515 GLEN BURNIE, MARYLAND 21061

es of

TELEPHONE: (410) 760-7222

April 5, 1993

Baltimore County Government Office of Zoning Administration and Development Management 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

> CASE# 93-323-SPH 05/04/93 at 10:00 a.m.

Dear Mr. Jablon:

enclosure

Arnold Jablon, Director

SUITE 503

TELEPHONE: (410) 339-7766

I am writing in reference to the notice I received of the hearing scheduled for the above mentioned case on May 4, 1993 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 118 of the Old Courthouse.

Unfortunately, my wife and I will be out of the country at that time attending medical conferences in Russia. Due to these prior arrangements, we will not able to attend the hearing and wish to request a reschedule date for the following week. I have enclosed a copy of the travel itinerary as verification for you

I truly appreciate your consideration. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely.

Mohammad H. Zamani, M.D., P.A.

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Michael S. Scher, Esquire

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100 E. Pratt Street

Dear Counsel:

Baltimore, MD 21202

Enclosure

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County Board of Appeals of Baltimore County Attention: Ms. Kathleen Weidenhammer. Administrative Assistant Old Courthouse, Room 49 400 Washington Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

> Re: Case No. 93-323-SPH Mohammad H. Zamani, et ux

Dear Ms. Weidenhammer:

Enclosed please find Memorandum of Law as requested to be prepared in the above-captioned matter, and submitted by March 31, 1994. For this purpose I am handcarrying same to your office.

Thank you for your kind cooperation with respect to the above.

Very truly yours,

Henry W. Stewart

HWS:nc

Enclosure

c: Michael S. Scher, Esquire Kim Hale Carney, Esquire

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LAW OFFICES OF

HENRY W. STEWART, P. A. 209 COURTLAND AVENUE

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County Board of Appeals for Baltimore County ATTN: Kathleen Weidenhammer Old Courthouse Room 49 400 Washington Avenue Towson, MD 21204

> RE: Mohammad H. Zamani, et ux Case No.: 93-323-SPH

Dear Ms. Weidenhammer:

This will confirm our conference call earlier today with Michael Scher, Attorney for Appellants, and my request for a postponement of that matter now scheduled for a hearing on January 13, 1994, at 10:00 a.m. As I related to you and Mr. Scher, Dr. Zamani, who is a surgeon, has a very difficult surgery to undergo on the above date of January 13, 1994. What makes this surgery very difficult is that the blood work which was taken in this matter must be replaced by that date and the surgery therefore cannot be postponed. Recognizing Mr. Scher is not in objection to this requested postponement, may I please ask your kind cooperation with respect to the postponement of same.

This will also confirm the agreed date of February 24, 1994, at 1:00 p.m., and accordingly, I would appreciate your very kind cooperation in rescheduling same to that date.

Thank you once again for your kind attention and the cooperation of Mr. Scher who will be receiving a copy of this correspondence.

> very truly yours, Henry W. Stewarte

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cc: Michael S. Scher, Esquire Dr. Shala Moshiri Dr. Mohammad H. Zamani

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July 14, 1993

BY HAND DELIVERY Ms. Julie Winiarski Appeals Clerk County Board of Appeals 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Room 109 Towson, Maryland 21204

> Re: Petition for Special Hearing Case No. 93-323-8PH Property: 10633 Pot Spring Road Petitioners: Mr. and Mrs. Mohammad H. Zamani

Dear Ms. Winiarski:

This letter is to inform you that Mr. and Mrs. James T. Brady appeal the June 18, 1993, decision of Baltimore County Zoning Commissioner Lawrence E. Schmidt in the above-referenced case relating to property located at 10633 Pot Spring Road in the Overlook Subdivision in Cockeysville, Maryland. The Bradys are owners of the real property adjacent to the subject property. Enclosed for filing fees please find a check to Baltimore County in the amount of \$210.00 (\$175.00 for the appeal and \$35.00 for the sign).

Please call me if you have any questions.

Sincerely, Michael S. Scher

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as "cc".)

Enclosed please find two photographs of the front of the

Sincerely,

Kim Hale Carney

windows. I believe these photos are already in the file, but my

client, Mrs. Brady, wanted to be sure that they were included in

Brady's home that show the master bedroom and guest bedroom

Protestants in the Zamani tennis court case --

I've looked through both Zoning Commissioner's

file and the exhibits entered during the course of hearing before the Board --no indication

that these particular photos were ever entered prior to the attached letter. (Copy of letter was sent to Counsel for Petitioners

Inasmuch as hearing has been concluded with

Should we wait for response from Petitioner's

attorney? Your legal counsel is requested!!!

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4/21/94, should these photos be returned?

Enclosure cc: Mr. and Mrs. James T. Brady

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April 1, 1994

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Kathleen C. Weidenhammer

Administrative Assistant

Old Courthouse, Room 49

Towson, Maryland 21204

Dear Ms. Weidenhammer:

cc: Henry W. Stewart, Esq. (w/o enclosures)

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400 Washington Avenue

County Board of Appeals of

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Re: Zamani, et ux.,



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County Board of Appeals of Baltimore County Old Courthouse Room 49 400 Washington Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

> Re: Petition for Special Hearing Case No. 93-323-SPH Mohammad H. Zamani, et ux., Petitioners James T. Brady, et ux., Appellants/Protestants Property: 10633 Pot Spring Road

Dear Board:

This firm represents Mr. and Mrs. James T. Brady, appellants/protestants, in the above-referenced appeal. I recently received a notice of assignment of the appeal for Wednesday, December 1, 1993. The purpose of this letter is to request a postponement, pursuant to Rule 2(b) of the Rules of Practice and Procedure of County Board of Appeals. The reason for the request of postponement is that Mr. Brady, one of the appellants, will be out of the state on business on December 1, 1993. Mr. Brady's business trip is unavoidable.

I appreciate your consideration of this request.

Sincerely, Much Soll Michael S. Scher

cc: Henry W. Stewart, Esquire (Counsel for Petitioners) Mr. & Mrs. James T. Brady

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April 6, 1994

County Board of Appeals of Baltimore County Old Courthouse, Room 49 400 Washington Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

Re: Zamani, et ux., Case No. 93-323-SPH

Dear Board Members:

This letter is to inform you that the Brady's, the appellants/protestants in the above-referenced matter, plan on putting their current residence, located at 10631 Pot Spring Road, on the market for sale in the near future. We report this decision to you for informational purposes only since we do not believe that it in any way affects the facts and circumstances described in the Closing Memorandum or should impact your decision in that matter.

Sincerely,

Please call me if you have any questions.

cc: Henry W. Stewart, Esq.

ATTORNEYS AT LAW TYDINGS & ROSENBERG

March 30, 1994

VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS

Baltimore County

Old Courthouse, Room 49

Towson, Maryland 21204

Dear Ms. Weidenhammer:

Enclosures

call me if you have any questions.

Henry W. Stewart, Esquire (w/encl.) James T. Brady, C.P.A. (w/encl.)

400 Washington Avenue

Kathleen C. Weidenhammer

Administrative Assistant

County Board of Appeals of

RE: Zamani, et ux., Case No. 93-323-SPH

Enclosed please find an original and three copies of the

Sincerely,

Appellants James and Francine Brady's Closing Memorandum. Please

KIM HALE CARNEY 410/752-9745

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Kathleen C. Weidenhammer Administrative Assistant County Board of Appeals of Baltimore County Old Courthouse, Room 49 400 Washington Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

Re: Zamani, et ux., Case No. 93-323-SPH

Dear Ms. Weidenhammer:

TYDINGS & ROSENBERG

March 3, 1994

Your office contacted me Friday, February 25, 1994, regarding Exhibit 3, which is a June 18, 1992 letter from Amir Asghari, with Johnson, Mirmiran, and Thompson, to David Tague, with Atlantic Builders Group, and attached sketch. Apparently, Exhibit 3, which was admitted into evidence, is missing from the file. I enclose another copy of the June 18, 1992 letter which is the same letter that was introduced into evidence as part of Exhibit 3. I also enclose another copy of the sketch which was attached to the letter and which also compromises Exhibit 3. As I mentioned to you on the telephone, however, I do not have a copy of the sketch in the size that was admitted into evidence. I believe the size of the sketch submitted to the Court was on 11" x 14" paper. The attached sketch is on 83" x 11" paper, and therefore, is a reduced version and more difficult to see. I also have enclosed a much larger version of the sketch if you have trouble reading this smaller version. Both of the enclosed sketches are identical to the sketch that was part of Exhibit 3.

I appreciate your contacting me regarding Exhibit 3.

Enclosures

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JOHN O. SEILAND

June 14, 1989

Michael S. Scher, Esquire Tydings and Rosenberg 26th Floor 201 N. Charles Street Baltimore, Maryland 21201

> Re: J. Robert Haines v. Mohammad H. Zamani, et al. Case No. 497-89SP/T

Dear Mr. Scher:

CHARLES A. JEDNORSKI

DONALD M. BARRICK

J. MICHAEL RECHER
J. NEIL LANZI
DANIEL J. BARTOLINI

This letter is to confirm our Settlement Agreement made on June 6, 1989, concerning the location of a tennis court on my client's property known as 10633 Pot Spring Road. It is my understanding that on behalf of your clients, Francine and James Brady, that you have agreed to my clients' proposal. The Agreement between the parties is as follows:

1. Drs. Zamani and Moshiri, subject to the Order of the Zoning Commissioner, will agree to shift their proposed tennis court from its present location on their property ten (10) feet in a northerly direction so that the southeast corner of the fence surrounding the tennis court will be twenty (20) feet from the property line dividing 10633 Pot Spring Road and 10631 Pot Spring Road.

2. Drs. Zamani and Moshiri agree not to install any lighting which would allow night tennis. However, they will be allowed to install decorative lighting.

3. My clients agree to provide adequate screening and landscaping around the tennis court including four (4) foot evergreens which will be located along the fence on the south side of the tennis court which faces the Brady residence.

Michael S. Scher, Esquire June 14, 1989 Page -2-

4. Your clients agree not to oppose the pending petition for variance subject to the aforementioned conditions being presented to the Zoning Commissioner at the variance hearing.

I have provided below space for all parties to sign and acknowledge this Agreement.

Very truly yours,

J. Neil Lanzi Attorney for Mohammad H. Zamani, M.D. and Shahla Moshiri, M.D.

Michael S. Scher Attorney for Francine Brady and James Brady

Mohammad H. Zamani, M.D.

Shahla Moshiri, M.D.

Francine Brady

James Brady

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CME JOINT CONFERENCE THE BEST OF RUSSIA **APRIL 30 - MAY 08, 1993**

DEAR TOUR PARTICIPANT:

Enclosed please find your final invoice for your upcoming trip to THE BEST OF RUSSIA. Your flight schedule is as follows:

NEW YORK(JFK)/HELSINKI 30 APR PINNAIR #102 5:55PM/ 8:50AM (01 MAY) HELSINKI/ST. PETERSBURG 01 MAY FINNIAR #710 9:45AM/11:50AM

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PLEASE NOTE: Please allow 3 TO 4 HOURS MINIMUM connecting time TO AND FROM international

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

LUGGAGE: The international limit in economy class is 20 kilos or 44 pounds for two pieces of checked luggage total; and one carry-on bag not to exceed 5 kilos or 11 pounds.

<u>CUSTOMS</u>: If you have a new camera, tape recorder, watch, jewelry, etc., register these items with U.S. Customs at the airport PRIOR TO DEPARTURE so that upon your return to the United States you will not be asked to pay duty on these items. KEEP RECEIPTS OF ALL PURCHASES MADE ABROAD. Customs regulations permit purchases in the amount of \$400.00 per person, duty free; over \$400.00 and up to \$1400.00 will be subject to a flat 10% duty. Any amount over \$1400.00 will be dutiable at varying rates depending on the article.

IMMUNIZATIONS: There are no immunizations required for RUSSIA at the present time by the Health Department. Please check with your local physician or Health Department for any recommendations that they may have. If you should have any additional questions please contact the CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL (CDC) in Atlanta: (404) 639-2572.

REMINDER: If you have not already forwarded the copies of your passports and completed visa applications to this office, please do so immediately.

Additional information and final documents will be forwarded to you approximately two weeks prior to

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June 13, 1993

Henry W. Stewart 209 Courtland Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

Dear Mr. Stewart,

This letter is in response to your letter of May 27, to the Overlook Homeowners' Association. The Board of Directors meet on June 9, 1993, and discussed the requested variance in zoning pertaining to the Zamani tennis court at 10633 Pot . Spring Road. The Board unanimously agreed to maintain our previously stated position as declared in our letter of June 9, 1993, to Lawrence Schmidt in the Baltimore County zoning

states that consideration be given to any structure "and the view from adjacent or neighboring properties. We found no fault with the origional variance granted to the Zamanis, allowing a twenty (20) foot minimum setback. We take a firm stand on adherence to both the Overlook Restrictions and the Baltimore County Zoning Administration. This Board does not see a need for an on-site inspection or interview. The illumination of the tennis court would detract from the neighboring residence.

Very truly yours,

Penny Brand Secretary 10718 Pot Spring Road

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June 9, 1993

Lawrence E. Schmidt Zoning Commissioner 400 Washington Ave. Towson, Md. 21204

The Executive Board of the Overlook Homeowner's Association has reviewed the request of Shahla Zamani and Mohammed Zamani, Case #93-323-SPH (Item 329), 10633 Pot Spring Road, and the request to admend the order in zoning , Case #90-34-A.

It is the unanimous decision of the Board that the original variance be rigidly adhered to. The previous request has allowed the petitioners to construct a tennis court on their side yard rather than the required back yard. This places the court in the front yard of their immediate neighbors. The requested admendment would place the court approximately seven (7) feet from their property line instead of the agreed upon twenty (20) feet. The illumination of this court will further detract from the immediate neighboring residence.

Additionally, the Overlook Homeowner's Association feels that any violation of the previous variance should be corrected immediately.

Sincerely,

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Penny Brand Secretary, Overlook Homeowner's Association 10718 Pot Spring Rd. Cockeysville, Md. 21030

February 22, 1994

County Board of Appeals of Baltimore County Old Courthouse, Room 409 400 Washington Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

Re: Appeal in Case No. 93-323-SPH

To whom it concerns:

I am unable to testify at the appeal that is scheduled for Thursday, February 24, 1994, at 1:00 p.m. but wanted to inform you that the position of the Board of Directors of the Overlook Homeowners Association regarding the Zamanis' tennis court is stated in my June 9, 1993 letter to Lawrence E. Schmidt and my June 13, 1993 letter to Henry Stewart. Copies of these letters are attached.

Very truly yours,

Penny Brand Former Secretary Overlook Homeowners' Association 10718 Pot Spring Road Cockeysville, Maryland 21030

Overlook Home Owners Association 10700 Pot Spring Road Cockeysville, Maryland 21030

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Additionally, the community association feels that any violations of the previous variance should be corrected immediately.

Sincerely.

P. Brand, Secretary Overlook Homeowners Association

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June 17, 1993

Suite 113 Courthouse 400 Washington Avenue Towson, MD 21204

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(410) 887-4386

Henry W. Stewart, Esquire 209 Courtland Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

> RE: Petition for Special Hearing Case No. 93-323-SPH Mohammad H. Zamani, et ux, Petitioners Property: 10633 Pot Spring Road

Dear Mr. Stewart:

Enclosed please find the decision rendered in the above captioned case. The Petition for Special Hearing has been granted in part and denied in part, in accordance with the attached Order.

In the event the decision rendered is unfavorable to any party, please be advised that any party may file an appeal within thirty (30) days of the date of the Order to the County Board of Appeals. If you require additional information concerning filing an appeal, please feel free to contact our Appeals Clerk at 887-3391.

> Very truly yours, Lawrence E. Schmidt Zoning Commissioner

cc: Drs. Mohammad Zamani and Shahla Zamani (Moshiri cc: Mr. and Mrs. James T. Brady

cc: Morris B. Wexler, Overlook Homeowners Assn.

cc: Michael S. Scher, Esquire, Tydings and Rosenberg cc: Mr. Bruce Elfenbein, American Tennis Courts, 4051 North Point Rd.

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Dave Tague at ABG

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Please forward this transmittal and additional pages of correspondence to the indicated person/office as soon as possible.

If there are any questions concerning this transaction contact our office at (301) 329-3100. Our FAX Machine number is 1-301-472-2200.

Thank you for your assistance and cooperation.

have the American Tennis Court to extend the painty 7:00 am:

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Dr. M. H. Zamani c/o Johnson, Mirmiran & Thompson Mr. Amir Asghari 72 Loveton Circle Sparks, Maryland 21152

Re: Zamani Residence Tennis Court

Dear Dr. Zamani:

I am writing this letter to accomplish several goals. First, I wish to apologize for the many problems we've encountered during this project and the associated inconveniences you've had to tolerate. Second, I want to summarise the progress to date from commencement and analyze each phase of construction and decision making that lead to our current status. Third, I would like to investigate the options we have on how to proceed from this date, and finally, review the contract cost, approved change orders and outstanding proposals. I am sorry that this is so lengthy and cumbersome, but I feel it is necessary to reestablish a firm hold of the directions we need to move in to insure a prompt and equitable solution to the construction of the tennis court.

Atlantic Builders Group was asked to provide a cost proposal for the tennis court based on a drawing provided by JMT which showed a grading plan and proposed layout of retaining walls to retain the offsite borrow required to meet existing elevations of compacted fill adjacent to the swimming pool. No sections were given, nor specifications. ABG requested pricing from two contractors, Griffith Brothers Landscaping and Creative Land Design who was contacted originally by JMT. A price was given for a timber retaining wall system and a keystone system. Due to the prohibitive nature of the keystone type system, the selection was made to proceed with timber. When asked to price this system, Creative Land Design indicated they could not be competitive with Griffith's price. Subsequently, we asked another contractor to price the work (when construction was well underway) and again the cost exceeded Griffith's.

Our original proposal was forwarded to JMT on March 22, 1991. The estimate of \$73,020.00 reflected several cost savings suggestions, i.e. driveway access in lieu of curb cutting, temporary entrance and stone access drive to work area behind house. We included an allowance to patch the driveway when complete. We allowed for 500 cy of material to be used from Old Padonia Road site as requested. We excluded sod or planting of any kind at the retaining wall, however, we did recommend using crownvetch for stabilization. We included engineering stakeout, compaction testing and supervision.

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Johnson, Mirmiran and Thompson, P.A. ENGINEERS LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS

June 18, 1992

Mr. David B. Tague Atlantic Builders Group, Inc. 23 Fontana Lane Baltimore, Maryland 21237

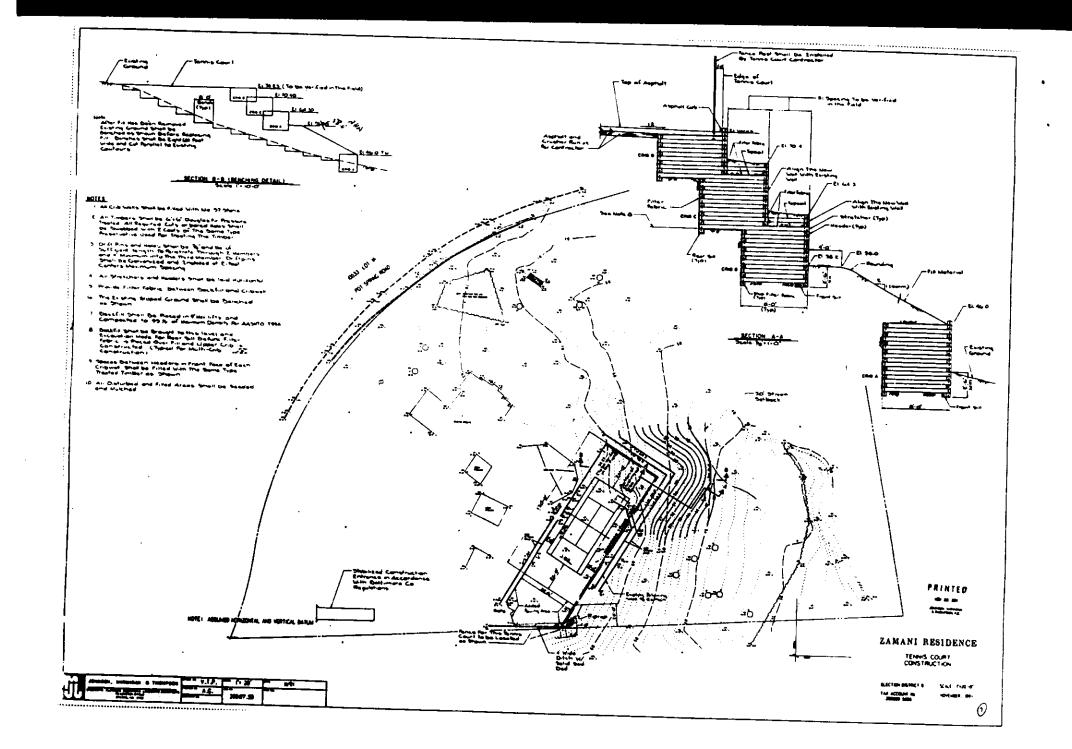
Atlantic Builders Group, Inc.

Dr. Zamani Tennis Court

This is to confirm the results of our discussion held at the JMT Office Building on Wednesday, June 17, 1992. In attendance were Fred Mirmiran, Bob Thoman, you and I.

- The sloped section of the fill between crib walls A and B must be hydroseeded on Friday June 19, 1992. JMT recommended that this area be cultivated with Crown Vetch, which is suitable for slope protection and does not require constant maintenance.
- The area behind the building should be graded to drain the water to the north. The bench mark for grading will be the patio in front of the french doors. Once the grading is complete it will be seeded. Topsoil can be purchased for this area if necessary. The Owner will maintain and water the seeded areas.
- In order to repair the asphalt behind the existing wall extending from the new wall towards the south, it was agreed to saw cut the asphalt 3 feet from the wood retaining wall, dig at least South, it was agreed to saw out the asphalt 3 test from the wood retaining wan, dry at least 3 feet, install filter fabric behind the wall and backfill the areas with suitable material obtaining adequate compaction at 95% or better. To keep the water from infiltrating into the filled material ABG will provide, a thin layer of concrete over the fill.
- Replace the broken beadman between the new and existing wall.
- Install at least 3 rows of timbers (ground contact) west of the Tennis Court between the pool and the north wall. Install asphalt curb next to this wall after the paving is complete.
- The edge of the existing asphalt must be saw cut straight. Once the base course of the asphalt is paved, another layer of asphalt (1 inch thick) will be placed on top of it throughout
- The unpaved section between the existing asphalt and the sodded ditch at the south should be graded, compacted and prepared for paving. The new pavement is to be at the same elevation with the rest of the paved area. A sketch is enclosed.
- The roadway to the Tennis Court must be reseeded.

72 LOVETON CIRCLE GAIRFAX, VA.	 SPARKS, MD. YORK, PA.	 21152	FAX:	(301) 329-3100 : (301) 472-2200	_



MILLANTIC August 10, 1992

Mr. Amir Asghari Johnson, Mirmiran & Thompson 72 Loveton Circle Sparks, Maryland 21152

Re: Dr. Zamani Residence Tennis Court

Dear Amir:

Pursuant to our conversation of 8/5/92, our lump sum proposal to install an asphalt curb and basketball court at the referenced project while we are on site repairing the paving surface is FOUR THOUSAND, EIGHT HUNDRED SIXTY-FIVE DOLLARS

Please note that if the asphalt curb is desired, it must be installed prior to the fence being installed. There will be remobilization charges of \$1,000 per mobilization if we have to come back after our work is done. Our other pricing for extras submitted last year will still be held the same.

We will await scheduling the repair of our work until Dr. Zamani directs us on the extras referenced above in writing. We are prepared to complete our contract obligations immediately but think it would be advantageous to Dr. Zamani if he wants to include the extra items to do everything at once. This will prevent the charges for remobilizations.

Also, as we discussed, we will only proceed upon receipt of written direction to do so with release of liability for settlement on the fill material.

If the extra work is to be performed, we will require payment on those specific items before we proceed.

Should you have any questions, do not hesitate to call. Please advise immediately how we are to proceed.

Very truly yours Project Manager

> P.O. Box 70239 • 23 Fontana Lane • Battimore, MD 21237 (410) 682-8900 • FAX (410) 682-8950

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Mr. David B. Tague Atlantic Builders Group, Inc. 23 Fontana Lane

Baltimore, Maryland 21237 Dr. Zamani Residence Tennis Court

Dear Dave:

August 14, 1992

Your are hereby authorized to proceed with the asphalt paving at the above referenced project. Please note that the following items are to be corrected properly before the paving starts.

- 1. It appears that the back filled area at crib wall 'D' between old and new construction has experienced a slight settlement. It needs a better compaction.
- 2. All upper stretchers at Crib wall 'D' must be spiked to the lower timbers.
- 3. The grass covered areas must be cleared.
- 4. The existing fill should be regraded and compacted. Close attention must be paid to the corners, for a better compaction.

As you requested, a check in the amount of \$4,865.00 for the addition of a basketball court and asphalt curbs is enclosed. As Amir Asphari explained to you a pole base and/or sleeve for a future basketball hoop is needed. Previous extra work orders for the light pole bases remain the same. No super cushion for the tennis court is needed.

Please proceed with the work on August 17, 1992 and complete the work no later than August

Should you have questions please call me

Amir Asphari, JMT



Atlantic Zulidurs Group, Inc.

D. Gary Dohler Treasurer

December 4, 1992

Dr. Mohammed Zamani 10633 Pot Spring Road c/o Johnson, Mirmiran & Thompson 72 Loveton Circle Sparks, MD 21152

Dear Dr. Zamani:

For several weeks we have without success attempted to settle our differences regarding your tennis court. Our respective opinions as to the amount yet to be paid are too far apart, therefore, we withdraw our offer to settle this matter for less than the full amount. Enclosed is a current invoice which reflects the past due interest and cost increases for this project, payment of which is due immediately.

Very truly yours, ATLANTIC BUILDERS GROUP, INC.

D. Gary Dohler Controller/Treasurer

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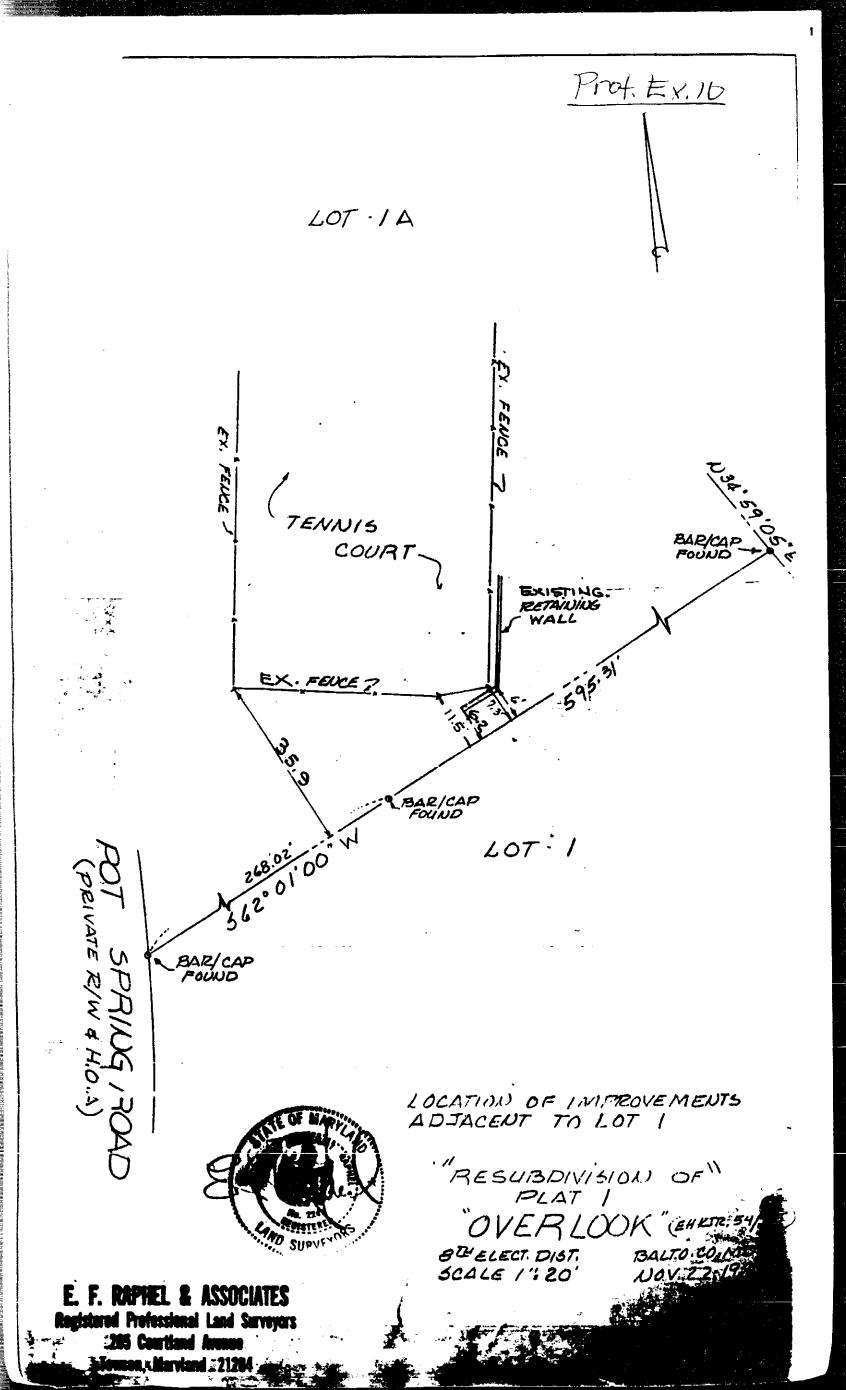
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PLANNERS LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS SURVEYORS July 24, 1991 JUL 29 1991 Mr. Dave B. Tague, Project Manager Atlantic Builders Group, Inc. Atlantic Builders Group, Inc. 23 Fontana Lane
Ealtimere, Maryland 21237 Tennis Court at Dr. Zamani's Residence JMT Job No. 90127H This is in reply to your letter dated July 8, 1991 regarding the following items: American Tennis Courts to furnish and install six (6) sleeved concrete footings for future installation of lighting system for \$990.00. Footings to be designed by the b) American Tennis Courts to furnish and install Latex-ite Super Cushion II, the shock absorbing system that adds greater player comfort and maximum player endurance. Price for this item will be \$4,136.00. The Contractor is to gurantee the quality of the work for the period of full one year after the work is completed. JOHNSON, MIRMIN AN & THOMPSON, P.A. Amir Asgnari Project Manager AA/mdc cc: Dr. Zamani 72 LOVETON CIRCLE • SPARKS, MD. • 21152 • (301

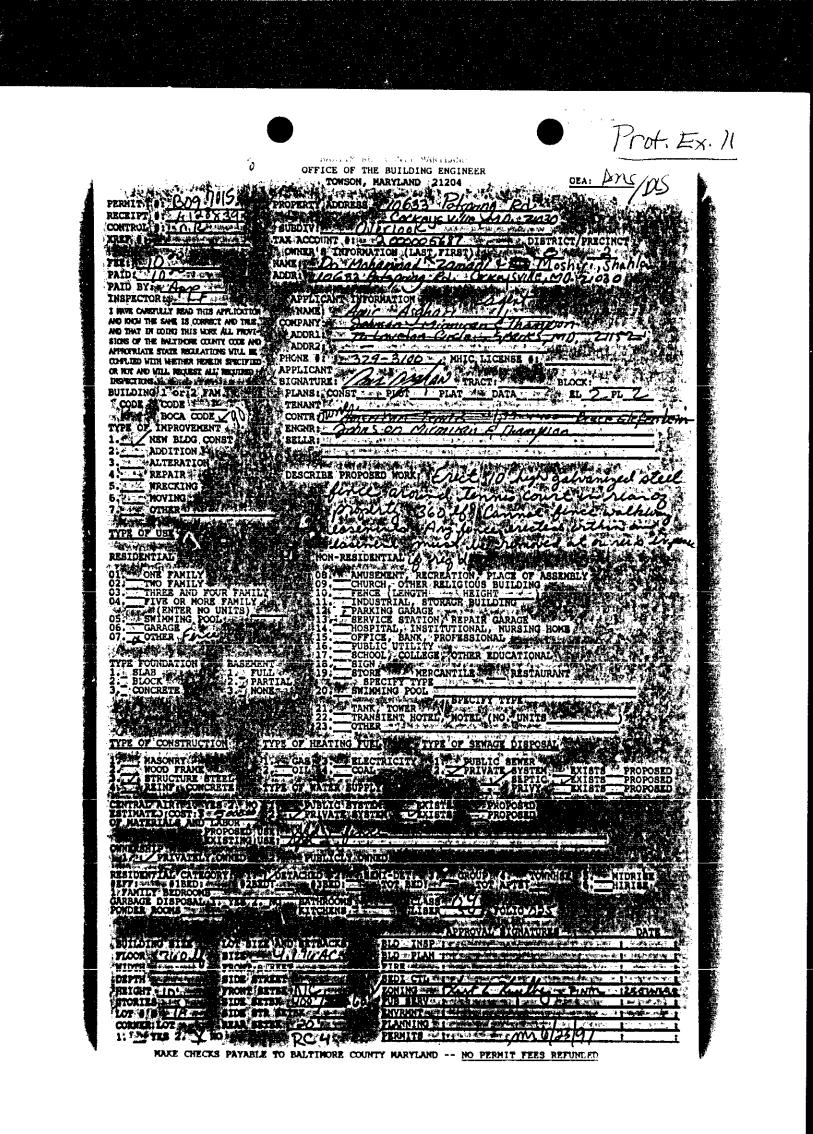
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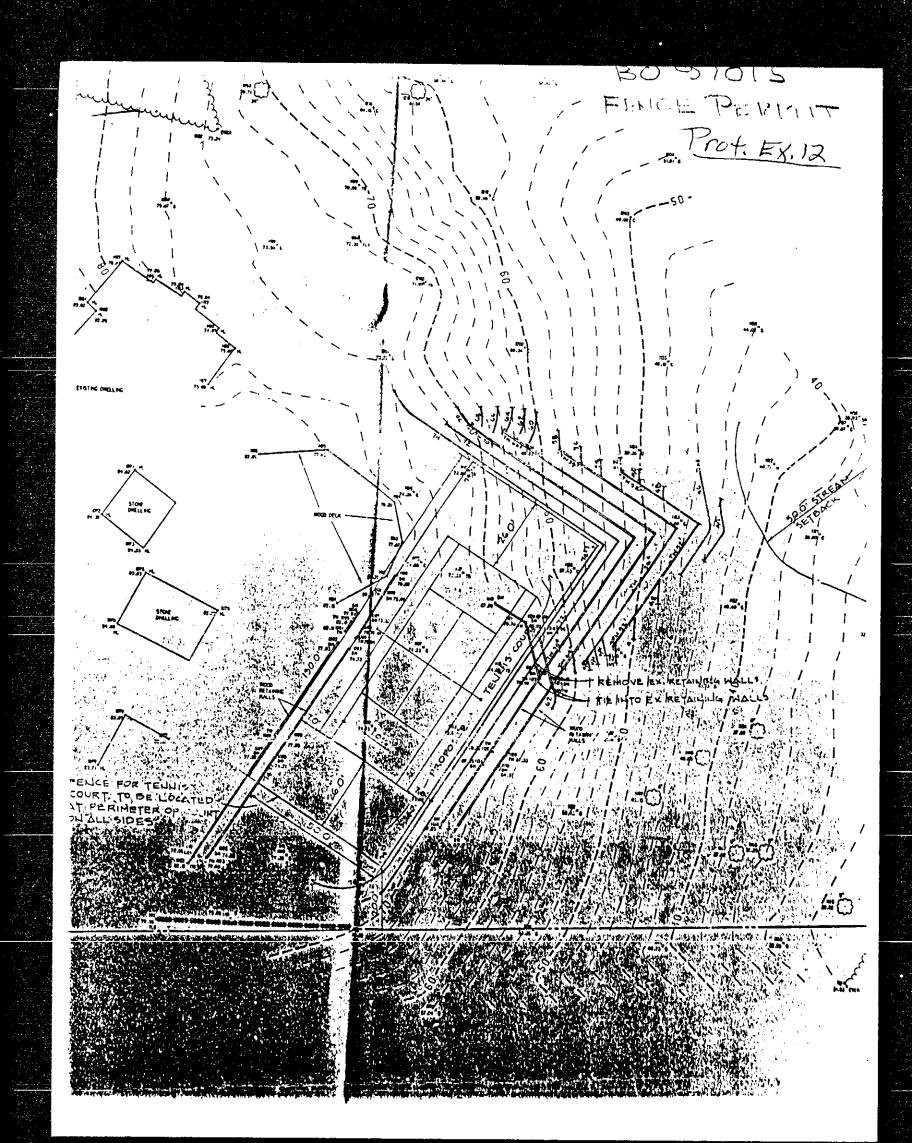
Prot. Ex. 8 Baltimore County Zoning Commissioner Office of Planning & Zoning Towson, Maryland 21204 (301) 887-3353 J. Robert Haines Zoning Commissioner September 14, 1989 J. Neil Lanzi, Esquire Seiland and Jednorski 25 W. Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204 Dennis F. Rasmussen RE: PETITION FOR ZONING VARIANCE E/S Pot Spring Road, approx. 425' NE of the c/l of Colonade Road (10633 Pot Spring Road) 8th Election District - 3rd Councilmanic District Mohammad H. Zamani, M.D., et al - Petitioners Case No. 90-34-A Dear Mr. Lanzi: Enclosed please find a copy of the decision rendered in the above-captioned matter. The Petition for Zoning Variance has been granted in accordance with the attached Order. In the event any party finds the decision rendered is unfavorable, any party may file an appeal to the County Board of Appeals within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order. For further information on filing an appeal, please contact Ms. Charlotte Radcliffe at 887-3391. Very truly yours, an Malshaus ANN M. NASTAROWICZ Deputy Zoning Commissioner AMN:bjs for Baltimore County cc: Michael S. Scher, Esquire Fred A. Cohen, Esquire Tydings & Rosenberg 201 N. Charles Street, 26th Floor, Baltimore, Md. 21201 M. Searles, Jr. and Janice C. Searles 19 Highfield Court, Hunt Valley, Md. 21030 People's Counsel

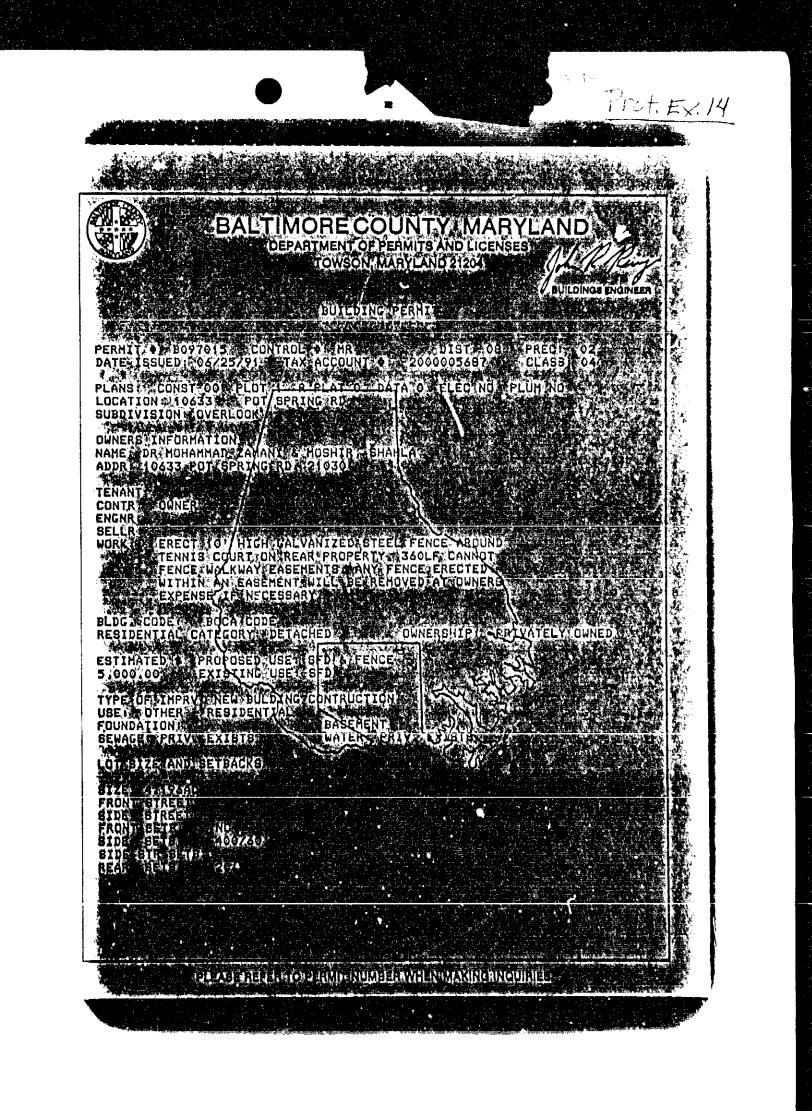
Petition for Special Hearing to the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County for the property located at 10633 Pat Spring Rd. Cochaggiffe md.
which is presently moved 21036 This Petition shall be filed with the Office of Zoning Administration & Development Management. The undersigned, legal owner(s) of the property situate in Salamore County and which is described in the description and plat stacked hereto and made a part hereof, hereby petrion for a Special Hearing under Section 500.7 of the Zoning Regulations of Baltimore County. to determine whether or not the Zoning Commissioner should approve See attacked sheet Property is to be posted and advertised as prescribed by Zoning Regulations.

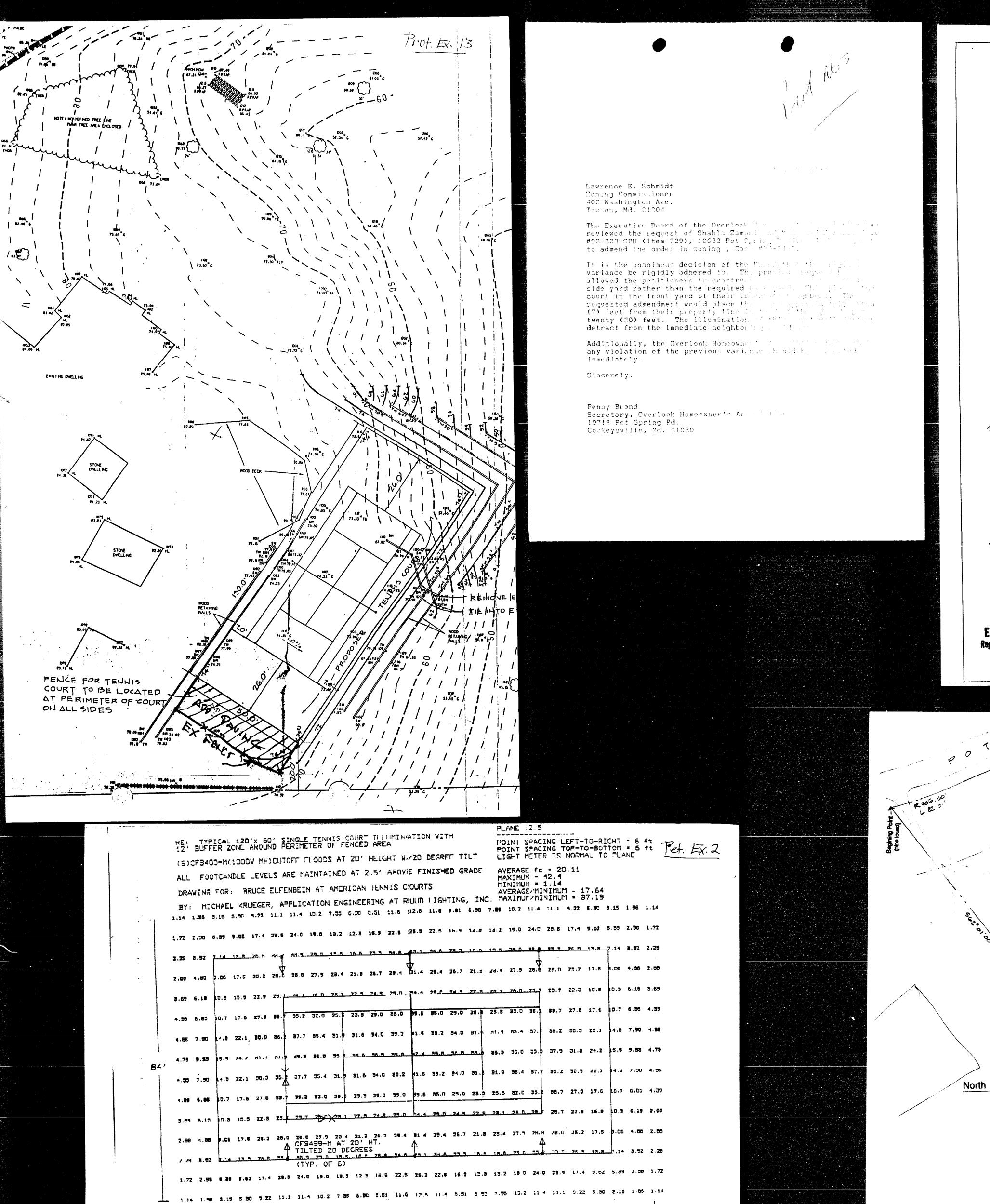
If or we, agree to pay expenses of above Special Hearing advertising, posting, etc., upon filing of this pattlen, and further agree to and are to be bound by the zoning regulations and restrictions of Baltimore County adopted pursuant to the Zoning Law for Baltimore County. After the basedwish decision and affirm, under the permittee of partially, that then are the large tremman of the property which is the subject of this Publish. Shahla Zaman: (moshiri) Spender harten Mohammad H. Tamant Man + Janan , m / 10633 Pat spring Rd. 666.

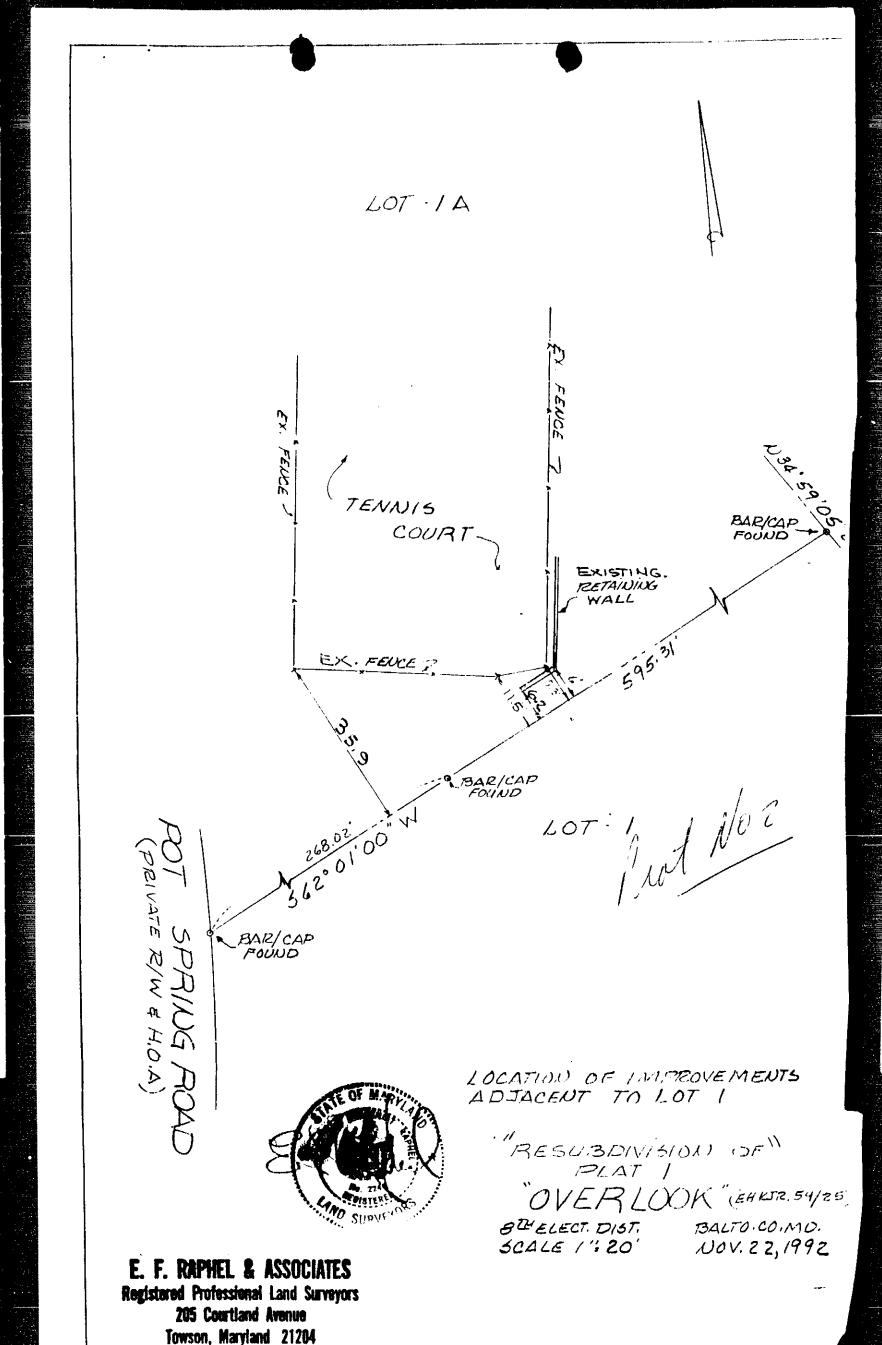






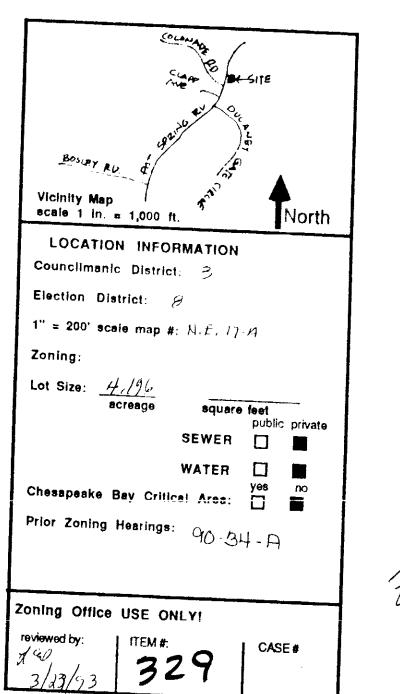






Plat to accompany Petition for Zoning Variance
PROPRETY ADDRESS: 10633 POT SPRING ROAD
Subdivision Name OJERICOR
Plat book File Tollo AF section
OWNER: Dr.& Dr. Mohammad H. Zamani
Date

Prepared by: James Lloyd Scale of Drawing - 1" = 50"



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PROPRETY ADDRESS: 10633 POT SPRING ROAD

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